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Cow Testing Associations.

(By F. S. Adams, State Dairy Instructor.)

The advantages of these associations are many, and they are secured through the organized efforts and activities of the members of each association. Organization for the accomplishment of a specific purpose concentrates and directs every energy towards that end. It tends to center the minds of men on one project which, if feasible, is sooner or later accomplished.

EDUCATIONAL ADVANTAGE.

However well educated a man may be he is always confronted with ignorance which he must continually seek to overcome. In order to pursue successfully any line of work one must secure all the information that is obtainable and applicable to his business. He needs the constant help and counsel of his brightest and keenest associates who are engaged in the same kind of work. This is true of all dairymen. If one allows himself to become isolated he is in danger of losing his opportunity to procure or secure the best type of animals and of failing to feed and care for them in the right manner. A cow test association offers its members opportunity to keep themselves informed on all that pertains to success in their work. Through the meetings of these associations men exchange helpful ideas and get the advice of prominent dairymen who may be invited to address them. The experiences of many men make it possible to remedy many evils and annoyances with which dairymen have to contend. The Department of Agriculture, State Agricultural College and the Experiment Station recognize these associations as splendid opportunities for educating the people and promoting the interests of dairy husbandry. They are glad to assist as much as possible in providing speakers for meetings and literature for distribution, all of which is of educational value.

OFFICIAL TESTS FOR ADVANCED REGISTRY.

Cow test associations render it possible to reduce materially the cost of these tests, as all the official testers are qualified to do this work. In some of the older countries, viz., Denmark and Sweden, this work has been extended to include the cost of feeding and raising calves and young stock, of producing pork, and of keeping horses; and it has even been extended to the keeping of costs of raising different crops.

WHAT THE COW TEST ASSOCIATION DOES NOT DO.

It does not compel any man to join with his fellow dairymen in the work of increasing the production of his herd; it merely offers him the opportunity. It does not accomplish results in a single year that will change the type and color of a man's herd. It tends however, to keep a man persistently at the work of improving his herd. It is like every other association and organization in that it helps its members only as they realize their individual responsibility and try to help themselves.

There are five cow test associations in Maine, and in addition two have recently been organized in York County and there is a prospect of one in Franklin County in the near future.

THE ESSENTIALS TO A SUCCESSFUL ASSOCIATION.

There must be some interest on the part of the members to profit by what they learn in the way of doing better work along all the lines of dairying. It means sometimes a change in methods of breeding, using pure bred bulls of some one of the dairy breeds and of the best families of the breed, and always using bulls of the same breed. No dairyman ever made progress by cross breeding.

The meetings of the associations are an important factor. The ones that make the most of these meetings are the prosperous associations. The questions that are discussed at these meetings are not necessarily all dairy questions, but many farm subjects are taken up, from feeding calves to feeding dairymen.

The official tester is a very important part of the association. He should be a man of the right temperament, and of good moral character, and should have a special training for the work. Punctuality, regularity, and accuracy are of great importance, for unless he has these qualities the records may not be indicative of the value of the respective cows. The tester should also have ability to advise with the farmer in his work and for that reason it is necessary that he be constituted to give advice in such a manner that it will be accepted and followed. There should also be a cooperation on the part of the tester with the members of the association. One of the serious troubles has been the changing of tester during the year. Some of the associations in Maine have had three or four different men during the year. To overcome this difficulty we would advise not employing a man for tester until the association is reasonably sure that he has the qualifications and training for the work. We will enumerate a few of the essential features: That the man has been raised on a successful dairy farm and has taken a course in dairying at the agricultural college. These men usually make good, but it is impossible to tell in all cases what a man will do until he has to take responsibilities. After the tester has been tried out and found to make good, and this is usually determined by the end of the first month, make a contract with him for a year.

We might go into detail and tell what these associations have done for their members. One of the associations reported last year that the average production of all the herds in the association was 299 pounds of butter fat, and that means nearly 350 pounds of butter, an increase in the association during the five years they have been doing business, of 116 pounds of butter, which at 30 cents a pound would amount to about $40, and that in a herd of ten cows would mean $400 00. The other associations can show as good results. There is no question but that it is the best means of getting better dairy cows and better dairy methods, of anything we know.

We will close by incorporating a few pointers that we take from a little booklet published by this Department.

1. Did you know there are 660 cow test associations in the little country of Denmark and 700 in the country of Sweden?
2. Are our European countries leading us in Dairy Improvement?
3. In the United States the number of test associations has doubled in the past year. There were April 1, 1913, 125 associations.
4. Records taken from a Swedish herd for a period of ten years show an increase in production of very nearly 4,000 pounds of milk yield per cow, and 175 pounds butter fat.
5. Records taken from a Swedish association for the period of ten years, all herds included, show an increase per cow of 3174 pounds milk and 109 pounds butter fat.
6. The workings of the different associations in this state show a gradual increase in production of herds and individual cows.
7. According to the thirteenth census there were reported in the state of Maine, 156,819 dairy cows and heifers born before January 1, 1909.
8. What would be the revenue if every one of these were fed so as to produce yearly one pound more of butter fat at 30 cents per pound?
9. This would mean an increase of 156,819 pounds of butter fat at a valuation of $47,045.70; a greater increase than this could be maintained if more dairy testing associations were organized.
10. Are you getting as much out of your herd as your neighbor is?
11. Do you know how much it costs to keep a cow for a year?
12. Did it ever occur to you that a dairyman employing better methods and keeping 15 cows was realizing more in profits than his negligent neighbor who was keeping 20?
13. Stop and think of the expense in stabling, feed and care given those extra cows.
14. The low test dairy cow that has grown too old to be profitable; the cow that gives a profuse flow of milk for six months, then suddenly dries up:—These are the thieves that steal from the herd day by day, and cut down the profits, because they consume just as much high priced feed as those animals that turn in twice the amount of daily products, and require just as much care and attention as if they were profitable members.
15. The testing association gives you a chance to select your best heifer calves and will increase by 100 per cent the probability of the heifer being a good producer when she arrives at maturity.
16. The common belief among farmers that the man who does the milking knows the good from the bad cows is absurd.
17. No milker can tell without weighing the milk regularly whether a cow gives 4,000 or 6,000 pounds of milk in a year.
18. The difference may prove the difference between the profit and loss with that particular cow.
19. There will be a great variation in the richness of the milk yield by a cow when she is fresh as compared with a time later in the period of lactation.
20. Different cows show different feed requirements for the same production of milk or fat.
21. Are you keeping a daily record of your cows' production?
22. Is there material for a dairy testing association in your locality?
23. Study the dairy cow.
24. The slogan of the Maine dairyman should be: "Get rid of the boarder cow."
25. Education, organization and cooperation should be applied to the advancement of dairy interests.
26. The Dairy Division will furnish free of cost, daily record sheets to be used in the stable.
27. If you are interested in the improvement of your dairy herd, as all up to date dairymen should be, write Dairy Division, Department of Agriculture, Augusta, Maine, for information.

Good Silage Corn.

(Harold S. Osler, Assistant Professor of Agronomy, at Farmers' Week.)

The corn crop, under average conditions of soil and climate is a large yielder of nutritious substance that is both palatable and digestible and relished by all stock. It can be used as a soiling crop, or as a succulent feed for winter. It can be used as a roughage or ripened and fed as a concentrate in some parts of the state. The advantage of silage as a feed and as a source of succulence in the ration is generally acknowledged by all stock farmers. In silage preservation, practically all of the forage is preserved in an edible form and the loss in preserving and feeding is very small. It is more palatable than dry fodder. Its preservation is not so dependent on weather conditions and it requires less space for storage than the equivalent feeding value in hay or fodder.

Corn, to make ensilage of the best feeding value, should be cut when the grain is in the glaze. On account of our short growing seasons, some feeding value must necessarily be sacrificed for succulence. Because of the shortness of the growing season, the flint varieties come nearest to maturing, Sanford's, White Flint, Red Cob, being best for the northern regions. In addition to these, some seed of the Leaming and Southern varieties are used in the southern part of the state. Canada Flint and Haskell's Prize-taker Flint Corn are used both as a grain and ensilage corn. Much improvement can be made by corn growers of the state to develop a desirable acclimated variety of ensilage corn.

Good seed and proper cultural methods are very important in successful corn culture. The seed should be given a germination test in order to determine its viability. Every seed should grow. It costs just as much to prepare and cultivate a field with 75 percent stand as 95 percent. Grading the seed as to size of kernels will insure a more uniform distribution of plants. If ground is free from bad weeds, a larger yield will be obtained by planting rows three feet apart and one kernel about every nine inches in the row. Some practice planting three kernels in a hill three feet apart each way. Two inches is the average depth for planting. It is better to plant shallower in heavy and deeper in light soil.

The application of commercial fertilizer will depend on the amount of barnyard dressing available and natural fertility of soil. When no barnyard manure is available, about 750 pounds per acre of 3-8-5 mixture can be used. With dressing, the amount can be reduced to 350 pounds per acre.

By cultivation, we control the weeds and conserve the moisture. Weeds can be controlled by the use of a light smoothing harrow or weeder previous to the appearance of the plants and this method can be continued until the plants are two inches in height if care is exercised. Never cultivate in the early morning as the plants are brittle.

Cultivation during the growing season will depend upon the precipitation and the presence of weeds, and the development of the root system. During the first twelve days the roots spread laterally and are three to six inches below the surface, fifteen inches on either side of the plant. At thirty days, the depth is eighteen inches with a lateral spread of twenty-four inches. At two months they cover a radius of four feet and penetrate to a depth of from three to four feet. The growth of the roots continues until maturity when they occupy from three to four feet of soil. These figures will vary according to soil conditions and moisture supply. The roots are three inches deep six inches from the plant and gradually deepen four to five inches at two feet from the plant. If the moisture supply is abundant, the feeders may be within two inches of the surface. The roots are the source of the food supply and should not be injured by deep cultivation. Sufficient depth and frequency of culture to provide a two inch soil mulch is all that is necessary.

Notes.

If some giant were to come along every morning and jam your collar over your head with a force that threatened to scratch your eyes out and break off your ears, you would then know how your horse feels when a collar that is too small for him is being forced over his head.

A brick is good for other things than chimneys; try it on the rusty plow. Wet the metal with kerosene first, and then go at it with the brick. It will clean it up pretty good, but don't let the plow rust again.

The farmer who thinks that he hasn't time to sit down and fool away an hour or two when he is very tired, is making a mistake.

"Nature abhors a vacuum," and if you don't plant crops she will grow weeds or bushes. Make the soil grow something useful.

A sure cure for the egg-eating habit is to eat the hen. In fact, it is about the only one that is dependable.

SMOKE BELLEW

By JACK LONDON

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"They're leadin' the procession," Smoke said as darkness fell again. "Come on, let's get them."

At the end of half an hour, not yet having overtaken the two in front, Shorty broke into a run. "If we catch 'em we'll never pass 'em," he panted. "Lord, what a pace they're hittin'! They're the real sour dough variety, you can stack on that."

Smoke was leading when they finally caught up, and he was glad to ease to a walk at their heels. Almost immediately he got the impression that the one nearer him was a woman. How this impression came he could not tell. Hooded and furred, the dark form was as any form, yet there was a haunting sense of familiarity about it.

"How do you do, Miss Gastell?" Smoke addressed her.

"How do you do?" she answered, with a turn of the head and a quick glance. "It's too dark to see. Who are you?"

"Smoke."

She laughed in the frost, and he was certain it was the prettiest laughter he had ever heard. "How many chekakos are there behind?"

"Several thousand, I imagine. We passed over 500."

"It's the old story," she said bitterly. "The newcomers get in on the rich creeks, and the old timers, who dared and suffered and made this country, get nothing. Old timers made this discovery on Squaw creek—how it leaked out is the mystery—and they sent word up to all the old timers on Sea Lion. But it's ten miles farther than Dawson, and when they arrive they'll find the creek staked to the sky line by the Dawson chekakos."

"It is too bad," Smoke sympathized. "But I'm hanged if I know what you are going to do about it."

"I wish I could do something," she flashed back at him. "I'd like to see them all freeze on the trail or have everything terrible happen to them, so long as the Sea Lion stampede arrived first. And now, if you'll forgive my tirade, I'll save my breath, for I don't know when you and all the rest may try to pass dad and me."

No further talk passed between Joy and Smoke for an hour or so, though he noticed that for a time she and her father talked in low tones.

"I know 'em now," Shorty told Smoke. "He's old Louis Gastell, an' the real goods. That must be his kid. He come into this country so long ago they ain't nobody can recollect, an' he brought the girl with him, she only a baby."

"I don't think we'll try to pass them," Smoke said. "We're at the head of the stampede, and there are only four of us."

Another hour of silence followed, during which they swung steadily along. At 7 o'clock the blackness was broken by a last display of the aurora borealis, which showed to the west a broad opening between snow clad mountains.

"Squaw creek!" Joy exclaimed.

"Goin' some," Shorty exulted.

It was at this point that the Dyea trail, baffled by ice jams, swerved abruptly across the Yukon to the east bank. And here they must leave the hard packed, main traveled trail, mount the jams and follow a dim trail but slightly packed that hovered the west bank.

Louis Gastell, leading, slipped in the darkness on the rough ice and sat up, holding his ankle in both his hands. He struggled to his feet and went on, but at a slower pace and with a perceptible limp. After a few minutes he abruptly halted.

"It's no use," he said to his daughter. "I've sprained a tendon. You go ahead and stake for me as well as yourself."

"Can't we do something?" Smoke asked.

Louis Gastell shook his head. "She can stake two claims as well as one. I'll crawl over to the bank, start a fire and bandage my ankle. I'll be all right. Go on, Joy. Stake ours above the Discovery claim. It's richer higher up."

"Here's some birch bark," Smoke said, dividing his supply equally. "We'll take care of your daughter."

Louis Gastell laughed harshly. "Thank you just the same," he said, "but she can take care of herself. Follow her and watch her."

"Do you mind if I lead?" she asked Smoke as she headed on. "I know this country better than you."

"Lead on," Smoke answered gallantly, "though I agree with you it's a darn shame all us chekakos are going to beat that Sea Lion bunch to it. Isn't there some way to shake them?"

She shook her head. "We can't hide our trail, and they'll follow it like sheep."

After a quarter of a mile she turned sharply to the west. Smoke noticed that they were going through unpacked snow, but neither he nor Shorty observed that the dim trail they had been on still led south. Had they witnessed the subsequent procedure of Louis Gastell the history of the Klondike would have been written differently, for they would have seen that old timer, no longer limping, running with his nose to the trail like a hound, following them; also they would have seen him trample and widen the turn to the fresh trail they had made to the west, and finally they would have seen him keep on the old dim trail that still led south.

A trail did run up the creek, but so slight was it that they continually lost it in the darkness. After a quarter of an hour Joy Gastell was willing to drop to the rear and let the two men take turns in breaking a way through the snow. This slowness of the leaders enabled the whole stampede to catch up, and when daylight came at 9 o'clock as far back as they could see was an unbroken line of men. Joy's dark eyes sparkled at the sight.

"How long since we started up the creek?" she asked.

"Fully two hours," Smoke answered. "And two hours back make four," she laughed. "The stampede from Sea Lion is saved."

A faint suspicion crossed Smoke's mind. "I don't understand," he said.

"You don't? Then I'll tell you. This is Norway creek. Squaw creek is the next to the south."

CHAPTER VI.

A Horseshoe For Luck.

SMOKE was for the moment speechless. "You did it a-purpose?" Shorty demanded.

"I did it to give the old timers a chance." She laughed mockingly. The men grinned at each other and finally joined her. "I'd lay you across my knee an' give you a wallopin' if women folk wasn't so scarce in this country," Shorty assured her.

"Your father didn't sprain a tendon, but waited till we were out of sight and then went on?" Smoke asked.

She nodded.

"And you were the decoy?"

Again she nodded, and this time Smoke's laughter rang out clear and true. It was the spontaneous laughter of a frankly beaten man.

"Why don't you get angry with me," she queried ruefully, "or—or wallop me?"

"Well, we might as well be startin' back," Shorty urged. "My feet's gettin' cold standin' here."

Smoke shook his head. "That would mean four hours lost. We must be eight miles up this creek now, and from the look ahead Norway is making a long swing south. We'll follow it, then cross over the divide somehow and tap Squaw creek somewhere above Discovery." He looked at Joy. "Won't you come along with us? I told your father we'd look after you."

"I"— She hesitated. "I think I shall if you don't mind." She was looking straight at him, and her face was no longer defiant and mocking. "Really, Mr. Smoke, you make me almost sorry for what I have done. But somebody had to save the old timers."

For two hours more they kept to the frozen creek bed of Norway, then turned into a narrow and rugged tributary that flowed from the south. At midday they began the ascent of the divide itself. Behind them, looking down and back, they could see the long line of stampeders breaking up.

As for themselves, the going was hard. They wallowed through snow to their waists and were compelled to stop every few yards to breathe. Shorty was the first to call a halt.

"We been hittin' the trail for over twelve hours," he said. "Smoke, I'm plumb willin' to say I'm good an' tired. An' so are you. An' I'm free to shout that I can sure hang on to this here pasear like a starvin' Indian to a bunk of bear meat. But this poor girl here can't keep her legs no time if she don't get somethin' in her stomach. Here's where we build a fire. What d'ye say?"

So quickly, so deftly and methodically did they go about making a temporary camp that Joy admitted to herself that old timers could not do it better. Spruce boughs, with a spread blanket on top, gave a foundation for rest and cooking operations. But they

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kept away from the heat of the fire until noses and cheeks had been rubbed cruelly.

On the steep slope of the divide there was no ice, so snow as fine and hard and crystalline as granulated sugar was poured into the gold pan by the bushel until enough had been melted for the coffee. Smoke fried bacon and thawed biscuits. Shorty kept the fuel supplied and tended the fire, and Joy set the simple table composed of two plates, two cups, two spoons, a tin of mixed salt and pepper and a tin of sugar. When it came to eating she and Smoke shared one set between them. They ate out of the same plate and drank from the same cup.

It was nearly 2 in the afternoon when they cleared the crest of the divide and began dropping down a feeder of Squaw creek. Earlier in the winter some moose hunter made a trail up the canyon—that is, in going up and down he had stepped always in his previous tracks. As a result, in the midst of soft snow and veiled under later snowfalls was a line of irregular hummocks. If one's foot missed a hummock he plunged down through unpacked snow and usually to a fall. Also, the moose hunter had been an exceptionally long legged individual. Joy, who was eager now that the two men should stake and fearing that they were slackening their pace on account of her evident weariness, insisted on taking her turn in the lead. The speed and manner in which she negotiated the precarious footing called out Shorty's unqualified approval.

"Look at her!" he cried. "She's the real goods an' the red meat. Look at them moccasins swing along! No high heels there! She uses the legs God gave her. She's the right squaw for any bear hunter."

Looking back as they came to the bank of Squaw creek they could see the stampede, strung out irregularly, struggling along the descent of the divide.

They slipped down the bank to the creek bed. No recent feet had disturbed the snow that lay upon its ice, and they knew they were above the Discovery claim and the last stakes of the Sea Lion stampeders.

"Look out for springs!" Joy warned as Smoke led the way down the creek. "At 70 below you'll lose your feet if you break through."

These springs, common to most Klondike streams, never cease at the lowest temperatures. A man stepping on dry snow might break through half an inch of ice skin and find himself up to the knees in water. In five minutes, unless able to remove the wet gear, the loss of one's feet was the penalty.

They watched for a blazed tree on either bank, which would show the center stake of the last claim located. Joy, impulsively eager, was the first to find it. She darted ahead of Smoke, crying:

"Somebody's been there! See the snow! Look for the blaze! There it is! See that spruce!" She sank suddenly to her waist in the snow. "Now I've done it," she said woefully. Then she cried: "Don't come near me! I'll wade out."

Step by step, each time breaking through the thin skin of ice concealed under the dry snow, she forced her way to solid footing. Smoke did not wait, but sprang to the bank, where dry and seasoned twigs and sticks, lodged among the brush by spring freshets, waited the match. By the time she reached his side the first flames and flickers of an assured fire were rising.

"Sit down!" he commanded.

She obediently sat down in the snow. He slipped his pack from his back and spread a blanket for her feet.

From above came the voices of the stampeders who followed them.

"Let Shorty stake!" she urged.

"Go on, Shorty," Smoke said as he attacked her moccasins, already stiff with ice. "Pace off a thousand feet and place the two center stakes. We can fix the corner stakes afterward."

With his knife Smoke cut away the lacings and leather of the moccasins. So stiff were they with ice that they snapped and crackled under the hacking and sawing. The siwash socks and heavy woolen stockings were sheaths of ice. It was as if her feet and calves were incased in corrugated iron.

"How are your feet?" he asked as he worked.

"Pretty numb. I can't move or feel my toes. But it will be all right. The fire is burning beautifully. Watch out you don't freeze your hands. They must be numb now from the way you're fumbling."

He slipped his mittens on and for nearly a minute smashed the open hands savagely against his sides. When he felt the blood prickle he pulled off the mittens and ripped and tore and sawed and hacked at the frozen garments. The white skin of one foot appeared, then that of the other, to be exposed to the bite of 70 below zero.

Then came the rubbing with snow, carried on with an intensity of cruel fierceness, till she squirmed and shrank and moved her toes and joyously complained of the hurt. He half dragged her and she half lifted herself nearer to the fire. He placed her feet on the blanket close to the flesh saving flames.

"You'll have to take care of them for awhile," he said.

She could now safely remove her mittens and work and manipulate her own feet, with the wisdom of the initiated being watchful that the heat of the fire was absorbed slowly. While she did this he attacked his hands. The snow did not melt or moisten. Its light crystals were like so much sand. Slowly the stings and pangs of circulation came back into the chilled flesh. Then he tended the fire, unstrapped the light pack from her back and got out a complete change of footgear.

Shorty returned along the creek bed and climbed the bank to them. "I sure staked a full thousan' feet," he proclaimed, "No. 27 an' No. 28, though I'd only got the upper stake of 27 when I met the first geezer of the bunch behind. He just straight declared I wasn't goin' to stake 28. An' I told him"—

"Yes, yes," Joy cried. "What did you tell him?"

"Well, I told him straight that if he didn't back up plumb 500 feet I'd sure punch his froze nose into ice cream an' chocolate eclairs. He backed up, an' I've got in the center stakes of two full an' honest 500 foot creek claims. He staked next, an' I guess by now the bunch has Squaw creek located to headwaters an' down the other side. Ourn is safe. It's too dark to see now, but we can put out the corner stakes in the mornin'."

When they awoke they found a change had taken place during the night. So warm was it that Shorty and Smoke estimated the temperature at no more than 20 below. On top of their blankets lay six inches of frost crystals.

"Good morning. How are your feet?" was Smoke's greeting across the ashes of the fire to where Joy Gastell was sitting up in her sleeping furs.

Shorty built the fire and quarried ice from the creek while Smoke cooked breakfast. Daylight came on as they finished the meal.

"You go an' fix them corner stakes, Smoke," Shorty said. "There's gravel under where I chopped ice for the coffee, an' I'm goin' to melt snow an' wash a pan of that same gravel for luck."

Smoke departed, ax in hand, to blaze the stakes. Starting from the downstream center stake of No. 27, he headed at right angles across the narrow valley toward its rim. He proceeded methodically, almost automatically, for his mind was alive with recollections of the night before. He felt somehow that he had won to empery over the delicate line and firm muscles of those feet and angles he had rubbed with snow, and this empery seemed to extend to the rest and all of this woman of his kind. In dim and fiery ways a feeling of possession mastered him. It seemed that all that was necessary was for him to walk up to this Joy Gastell, take her hand in his and say "Come."

It was in this mood that he discovered something that made him forget empery over the white feet of woman. At the valley rim he blazed no corner stake. He did not reach the valley rim, but instead he found himself confronted by another stream. He lined up with his eye a blasted willow tree and a big and recognizable spruce. He returned to the stream where were the center stakes. He followed the bed of the creek around a wide horseshoe bend through the flat and found that the two creeks were the same creek. Next he floundered twice through the snow from valley rim to valley rim, running the first line from the lower stake of No. 27, the second from the upper stake of No. 28, and he found that the upper stake of the latter was lower than the lower stake of the former. In the gray twilight and half darkness Shorty had located their two claims on the horseshoe.

Smoke plodded back to the little camp. Shorty, at the end of washing a pan of gravel, exploded at sight of him.

"We got it!" Shorty cried, holding out the pan. "Look at it! A nasty mess of gold. Two hundred right there if it's a cent. She runs rich from the top of the wash gravel."

Smoke cast an incurious glance at the coarse gold, poured himself a cup of coffee at the fire and sat down. Shorty was disgruntled by his partner's lack of delight in the discovery.

"Why don't you kick in an' get excited?" he demanded. "We got out pile right here."

Smoke took a swallow of coffee before replying. "Shorty, why are our two claims here like the Panama canal?"

"What's the answer?"

"Well, the eastern entrance of the Panama canal is west of the western entrance, that's all."

"Go on," Shorty said. "I ain't seen the joke yet."

"In short, Shorty, you staked out two claims on a big horseshoe bend. The upper stake of 28 is ten feet below the lower stake of 27."

"You mean we ain't got nothin', Smoke?"

"Worse than that; we've got ten feet less than nothing."

Shorty departed down the bank on the run. Five minutes later he returned. In response to Joy's look he nodded.

"We might as well break camp and start back for Dawson," Smoke said, beginning to fold the blankets.

"I am sorry, Smoke," Joy said. "It's all my fault. Dad's staked for me down near Discovery, I know. I'll give you my claim."

He shook his head.

"Shorty!" she pleaded.

Shorty shook his head and began to laugh. It was a colossal laugh. Chuckles and muffled explosions yielded to hearty roars.

"It ain't hysterics," he explained. "I sure get powerful amused at times, an' this is one of them."

His gaze chanced to fall on the gold pan. He walked over and gravely kicked it, scattering the gold over the landscape. "It ain't ourn," he said. "It belongs to the geezer I backed up 500 feet last night. An' what gets me is 490 of them feet was to the good—his good. Come on, Smoke. Let's start the hike to Dawson, though if you're hankerin' to kill me I won't lift a finger to prevent."

CHAPTER VII.

The Man on the Other Bank.

SMOKE BELLEW and Shorty parted company on the upper Klondike. Shorty's task was to return down the Klondike to Dawson to record some claims they had staked.

Smoke, with the dog team, turned south. His quest was Surprise lake and the mythical Two Cabins. His traverse was to cut and cross the unknown region over the mountains to the Stewart river. Here somewhere, rumor persisted, was Surprise lake, surrounded by jagged mountains and glaciers, its bottom paved with raw gold.

Old timers, it was said, whose very names were forgotten in the frosts of earlier years, had dived into the icy waters of Surprise lake and fetched lump gold to the surface in both hands. But the water was too cold. Some died in the water, being pulled up dead. Others died later of consumption. And one who had gone down never did come up.

All survivors had planned to return and drain the lake, yet none had ever gone back. Disaster always smote them. One man fell into an air hole below Forty Mile; another was killed and eaten by his dogs; a third was crushed by a falling tree. And so the tale ran. Surprise lake was a hoodoo; its location was unremembered, and the gold still paved its undrained bottom.

Two Cabins, no less mythical, was more definitely located. "Five sleeps" up the McQuestion river from the Stewart stood two ancient cabins. So ancient were they that they must have been built before ever the first known gold hunter had entered the Yukon basin. Wandering moose hunters, whom even Smoke had met and talked with, claimed to have found the two cabins in the old days, but to have sought vainly for the mine which those early adventurers must have worked.

"I wish you was goin' with me," Shorty said wistfully at parting. "Just because you got the Indian bug ain't no reason for to go pokin' into trouble. They's no gettin' away from it, that's loco country you're bound for. The hoodoo's sure on it, from the first flip to the last call."

"It's all right, Shorty," replied Smoke. "I'll make the round trip and be back in Dawson in six weeks."

A week later Smoke found himself among the jumbled ranges south of Indian river. On the divide from the Klondike he had abandoned the sled and packed his wolf dogs. The six big huskies each carried fifty pounds, and on his own back was an equal burden. Through the soft snow he led the way, packing it down under his snowshoes, and behind, in single file, toiled the dogs.

For days he wandered through a chaos of canyons and divides which did not yield themselves to any rational topographical plan.

Then came a mountain storm that blew a blizzard across the riffraff of high and shallow divides. Above timber line, fireless, for two days he struggled blindly to find lower levels. On the second day he came out upon the rim of an enormous palisade. So thickly drove the snow that he could not see the base of the wall, nor dared he attempt the descent. He rolled himself in his robes and huddled the dogs about him in the depths of a snowdrift, but did not permit himself to sleep.

In the morning, the storm spent, he crawled out to investigate. A quarter of a mile beneath him, beyond all mistake, lay a frozen, snow covered lake. About it, on every side, rose jagged peaks. It answered the description. Blindly he had found Surprise lake.

"Well named," he muttered an hour later as he came out upon its margin. A clump of aged spruce was the only woods. In his way to it he stumbled upon three graves, snow buried, but marked by hand hewn headposts and undecipherable writing.

On the edge of the woods was a small, ramshackle cabin. He pulled the latch and entered. In a corner, on what had once been a bed of spruce bough, still wrapped in mangy furs that had rotted to fragments, lay a skeleton. The last visitor to Surprise lake, was Smoke's conclusion as he picked up a lump of gold as large as his doubled fist. Beside the lump was a pepper can filled with nuggets of the size of walnuts, rough surfaced, showing no signs of wash.

So true had the tale run that Smoke accepted without question that the source of the gold was the lake's bottom. Under many feet of ice and inaccessible, there was nothing to be done, and at midday, from the rim of the palisade, he took a farewell look back and down at his find.

"It's all right, Mr. Lake," he said. "You just keep right on staying there. I'm coming back to drain you—if that hoodoo doesn't catch me. I don't know how I got here, but I'll know by the way I go out."

In a little valley beside a frozen stream and under beneficent spruce trees he built a fire four days later. Somewhere in that white anarchy he had left behind him was Surprise lake—somewhere, he knew not where, for a hundred hours of drifting and struggle through blinding, driving

He Stumbled Upon Three Graves.

snow had concealed his course from him, and he knew not in what direction lay behind.

The storm had passed, and it had turned clear and cold. The creek he was on was natural in appearance and trended, as it should, toward the southwest. Half a day's journey down the creek brought him to the valley of a larger stream, which he decided was the McQuestion. Here he shot a moose, and once again each wolfdog carried a full fifty pound pack of meat.

As he turned down the McQuestion he came upon a sled trail. The late snows had drifted over, but underneath it was well packed by travel. His conclusion was that two camps had been established on the McQuestion and that this was the connecting trail. Evidently Two Cabins had been found, and it was the lower camp, so he headed down the stream.

It was 40 below zero when he camped that night, and he fell asleep wondering who were the men who had rediscovered the Two Cabins and if he would fetch it next day. At the first hint of dawn he was under way, easily following the half obliterated trail.

And then it came, the unexpected, leaping out upon him on a bend of the river. It seemed to him that he heard and felt simultaneously. The crack of the rifle came from the right, and the bullet, tearing through and across the shoulders of his drill parka and woolen coat, pivoted him half around with the shock of its impact. He staggered on his twisted snowshoes to recover balance and heard a second crack of the rifle. This time it was a clean miss. He did not wait for more, but plunged across the snow for the sheltering trees of the bank a hundred feet away.

He climbed the bank, the dogs floundering behind, and dodged in among the trees and brush. Slipping out of his snowshoes, he wallowed forward at full length and peered cautiously out. Nothing was to be seen. Whoever had shot at him was lying quiet among the trees of the opposite bank.

"If something doesn't happen pretty soon," he muttered at the end of half an hour, "I'll have to sneak away and build a fire or freeze my feet."

He crawled back a few yards, packed down the snow, danced a jig that sent the blood back into his feet and managed to endure another half hour. Then from down the river he heard the unmistakable jingle of dog bells. Peering out, he saw a sled round the bend. Only one man was in it, straining at the gee pole and urging the dogs along.

The effect on Smoke was one of shock, for it was the first human he had seen since he parted from Shorty three weeks before. His next thought was of the potential murderer concealed on the opposite bank.

Without exposing himself Smoke whistled warningly. The man did not hear and came on rapidly. Again and more sharply Smoke whistled. The man whoaed his dogs, stopped and had turned and faced Smoke when the rifle cracked. The instant afterward Smoke fired into the woods in the direction of the sound.

The man on the river had been struck by the first shot. The shock of the high velocity bullet staggered him. He stumbled awkwardly to the sled, half falling, and pulled a rifle out from under the lashings. As he strove to raise it to his shoulder he crumpled at the waist and sank down slowly to a sitting posture on the sled. Then abruptly, as the gun went off aimlessly, he pitched backward and across the corner of the sled load, so that Smoke could see only his legs and stomach.

From below came more jingling bells. The man did not move. Around the bend swung three sleds, accompanied by half a dozen men. Smoke cried warningly, but they had seen the condition of the first sled, and they dashed on to it.

No shots came from the other bank, and Smoke, calling his dogs to follow, emerged into the open. There were exclamations from the men, and two of them, flinging off the mittens of their right hands, leveled their rifles at him.

"Come on, you red handed murderer, you," one of them, a black bearded man, commanded. "An' jest pitch that gun of yourn in the snow."

Smoke hesitated, then dropped his rifle and came up to them.

"Go through him, Louis, an' take his weapons," the black bearded man ordered.

Louis was a French Canadian voyageur, Smoke decided, as were four of the others. His search revealed only Smoke's hunting knife, which was appropriated.

"Now, what have you got to say for yourself, stranger, before I shoot you dead?" the black bearded man demanded.

"That you're making a mistake if you think I killed that man," Smoke answered.

A cry came from one of the voyageurs. He had quested along the trail and found Smoke's tracks where he had left it to take refuge on the bank. The man explained the nature of his find.

"What'd you kill Joe Kinade for?" he of the black beard asked.

"I tell you I didn't," Smoke began.

"Aw, what's the good of talkin'? We got you red handed. Right up there's where you left the trail when you heard him comin'. You laid among the trees an' bushwhacked him. Pierre, go an' get that gun he dropped."

"You might let me tell what happened," Smoke objected.

"You shut up," the man snarled at him. "I reckon your gun'll tell the story."

All the men examined Smoke's rifle. "One shot," Blackbeard concluded.

Pierre, with nostrils that quivered and distended like a deer's, sniffed at the bre

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Here and There.

At that great English institution known as Lloyd's, which is primarily an insurance company, but is willing to take a chance on anything, even the weather, the betting is even that the European war will end by the first of June. This is really a more significant pointer than anything given out officially by any of the executive or military authorities of any of the countries engaged.

Dr. Dernburg, the kaiser's special representative in America for the German propaganda, and a companion, are to speak in Portland in behalf of the German viewpoint next Saturday, and the newspaper men are invited to eat with the doctor and hear his views. Dr. Dernburg is entitled to sympathy for the up-hill job he has. Even if the story of the first few months of the war were a closed and forgotten book, the style of Germany's present warfare on the sea—if warfare it can be called—makes it difficult for that country to obtain even a respectful hearing in the court of public opinion.

What is fame? Having your name spelled wrong in the papers. Maine papers are prompt in criticism of that Springfield Republican correspondent who didn't know who Artemus Ward was, and stoutly support his claim to be the greatest American humorist. Yet even the genial showman, as unfettered as he was in his orthography, would doubtless object to having his pseudonym spelled "Artemas" by those who appear to be so familiar with his work.

At a hearing the other day before the United States commission on industrial relations Pullman porters stated that most of their pay came in tips, the monthly pay of the company being less than a living wage, and the report of the hearing was telegraphed to papers all over the country. That's a whole lot of expense to find out what everybody knew before.

Yale has won a victory over Harvard. Oh, no, nothing to get excited over. Only a debate.

It's all in the point of view. The Chicago election gets big headlines in the papers, but in some of them "Republican Victory" is the conspicuous thing, while in others it is noted that "Thompson Won Out" and "Women's Votes were about Equally Divided," and you have to read farther to find out about the political aspect of the vote.

As illustrating how little we are sometimes informed regarding details of things that interest us: The Democrat was talking about the Johnson-Willard fight—oh, yes, we have to discuss it a little, just from a sort of sociological point of view—and asked how long a "round" lasted, and not one of the fight-fans knew enough about the rules to give the information.

A noiseless car wheel was tried out with gratifying results on the Portland Railroad the other day, and it is said that its general adoption will reduce by half the noise of running cars on rails. Which will be very pleasing. But out in the country, what our frazzled nerves sigh for is a noiseless cutout for the man who persists in riding with his foot on it.

One of the cheerful things noted during the past week was the surprise with which the papers discovered that the captain of the Prinz Eitel Friedrich had been bluffing all the time about going out when his repairs were completed. Did they really suppose that he intended to sail out into what he knew was waiting for him?

On Friday was reached the semi-centennial of the event which terminated the civil war in the United States—up to that time the greatest contest that the world had seen. Yet significant as was the surrender of Lee's army at Appomattox, its fiftieth anniversary passed without formal observance, and with but little extended comment from platform and press. The scene at Appomattox was one which reflected only credit on those who took part in it, but now we are too much occupied in congratulating ourselves on having so well healed the wounds of the conflict, that we do not take time for any "celebration" of the ending of the great war.

According to the reports of the national bank examiners, made a few days ago, business is improving in all states of the Union except Maine. We hasten to call the attention of two or three of our exchanges to another manifestation of the blighting effects of prohibition. On second thought, though, it probably won't be necessary.

A somewhat interesting story is that which tells how the women of an exclusive residential section of Philadelphia had to draw their shades because a tramp insisted upon taking a bath in a discarded tub in the open air. Of course, though, the story is a fake, for any one who has ever read the funny papers would know that none but a faker would locate a tramp in a bath tub.

A Sermon in Black and White.

(Providence Journal, April 6.)

Jack Johnson was knocked out yesterday afternoon. But Old Man Adam is still in the ring. Neither civilization, time, kultur nor the music of the spheres knocks him out. Among the thousands of people who frantically called up the Journal office yesterday afternoon to ascertain the result of the fight were two bank presidents, two high school principals, and one of those gentlemen known among modern novelists as "an eminent divine."

And one East Side lady, a leader in all good and charitable works, came in on the telephone, with a noticeable tremor of excitement in her voice, and wanted to know all about it too.

She said she desired the information for her cook, who was colored.

This is a funny world. Whatever is, is fight.

THE OXFORD BEARS.

THE DOINGS OF THE WEEK IN ALL SECTIONS OF THE COUNTY.

Paris Hill.

First Baptist Church, Rev. G. W. F. Hill, pastor. Preaching every Sunday at 10:45 A. M. Sunday School at 12. Sabbath evening service at 7:30. Prayer Meeting Thursday evening at 7:30. Covenant Meeting the last Friday before the 1st Sunday of the month at 2:30 P. M. All not otherwise connected are cordially invited.

Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Hittinger, who have been at the Hubbard House for a few weeks, returned Monday to their home in Belmont, Mass.

Col. Edward T. Brown is making additions and improvements to his home in this village.

George Lunt goes to Washington, D. C., this week where he will take up government work, having received an appointment to a good position in the Bureau of Standards. Mr. Lunt has given up a position as chief chemist for a large sugar manufacturing corporation in Porto Rico. His many friends here extend congratulations upon his appointment at Washington, knowing that the government is getting the services of a thoroughly trained and competent man.

The two little daughters of Alfred M. Daniels, who were recovering from whooping cough, were both stricken with pneumonia last week. Both are reported comfortable and doing well.

Mrs. J. P. Thompson, who has spent most of the winter in Portland, returned to her home at Paris Hill last week.

Mrs. Carroll I. Hooper of Boston was the guest of friends here the past week.

Leslie Bennett has gone to the Maine Sanatorium at Hebron for treatment.

Miss Cara D. Cooper went to Wells River, Vt., Monday for a visit to relatives.

Mrs. Fred W. Shaw has been visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Cyrus W. Thurlow, in Gardiner.

Miss Harriet Twitchell has removed from Mrs. Doe's to A. H. Curtis'.

Albany.

Mrs. Nason McAllister carried her sister Nellie home to Waterford Sunday.

R. C. Lawrence went to Oxford to see his sister, Mrs. Tom Pool, and family.

Mrs. L. L. Lord and Estella Bean called on Mrs. R. E. L. Farwell, Mrs. Bessie Sloan and Mrs. Eva Morrill.

C. D. Connor has bought a new piano and put it in the Town House.

John K. Wheeler is sick and has been under the doctor's care.

Mrs. Calvin Cummings is caring for Mrs. Harry McNally and baby.

Sledding is a thing of of the past, autos have come, but wear a muddy colored coat.

D. A. Cummings is in Lewiston this week visiting his sister, Ella Gould, and family.

A. S. Cole is sick with the prevailing distemper. Dr. Stimpson from Waterford attends him.

Mr. and Mrs. H. G. McNally are the happy recipients just now, as the third girl arrived March 29th, making three girls and two boys to be looked after.

H. I. Bean thinks he shall have his new store ready for occupancy some time next week.

Nancy Andrews, who is in the hospital, is reported as gaining each day, and her many friends are anxious to see her smiling face once more amongst them in Old Albany.

Sumner Grover and wife visited their daughter, Mrs. Arthur Andrews, and family, one day this week.

Several from here attended Pomona Grange Tuesday at Bethel.

Mrs. D A. Cummings is visiting friends in Bethel.

R B. Stearns passed through Hunt's Corner April 1st with his gasoline engine and circular saw, cutting up all the wood he found uncut into stove wood, and no April fool job either, as he is right after business every moment.

East Sumner.

Winslow J. Heald and family of Heald's camps near Oquossuc were guests of S. Robinson and family on Wednesday. Mr. Heald will open his camps for the season soon.

L. B. Heald visited at Portland last week.

Mrs. Atwood was called to New Gloucester last week to attend the funeral of an aunt.

Rev. J. N. Atwood was again able to resume his studies at Bates College last week.

The colds epidemic is slowly passing away, yet several are still afflicted with it.

East Brownfield.

There were Easter services at the Congregational church with a concert at 10 A. M. and sermon following. Service at the Universalist in the afternoon, and union meeting in the evening. Cut flowers decorated the Congregational church, and potted plants the Universalist.

The egg supper at Bradbury Hall on Wednesday evening was a success.

Schools began in the several districts April 5. There have been several changes in teachers, and districts as well.

Hobson & Eaton are cutting timber on the Frost lot at the Center. A portable mill is in operation.

L. A. Bradbury is running his mill to its full capacity.

Dr. W. G. Stickney of Beverly made a short visit at his mother's Tuesday.

Colds seem to be epidemic. There is a good deal of sickness in town.

Mrs. Frank Marston and family of Conway have been with her father, E. E. Rounds.

Byron.

L. A. Mason has a new horse.

Quite a snow storm Tuesday. Some two or three inches of snow fell.

Donald and Doris Knapp from East Dixfield are guests of J. E. Shaw.

Jotham Shaw is stopping with his brother, J. E., who is unwell, but we hope is improving.

Several flocks of wild geese have been seen going north.

Station agent Thorne at Houghton has been away on a visit recently. Chas. Cary takes his place at the station during his absence.

Sap is running quite well lately.

Quite a party of friends visited the sap house of Dr. Taylor to see the evaporator work recently.

Perley Mason visited friends in East Dixfield and vicinity lately.

Snow is going off fast.

Norway Lake.

J. M. Wood spent Tuesday and Wednesday in Lewiston and Auburn.

Mrs. E. C. Murch and children of Norway spent a few days with her mother, Mrs. W. S. Partridge, recently.

Mrs. Jack Smith is at home again.

Mrs. Asa Bartlett has been ill again, and both her children are ill and under the doctor's care.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Partridge of Canton spent a few days with his mother recently.

Dickvale.

School began this Monday with Miss Blanche McIntire as teacher.

Oscar Allen of Canton has been spending a few days with his daughter, Mrs. David Chenery.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Fuller have returned to their home here after a year's absence.

Bert Tyler has finished work at the mill here, and Herman Fuller has taken his place.

Hazel McIntire has been spending a few days in Canton.

Dr. White of East Dixfield was in town Monday to see Miss Jennie Gordon, who remains about the same.

Denis Wing of Farmington is spending a few days with his son, Irvin Wing.

West Lovell.

H. C. West of Bridgeport, Conn., has leased a piece of land on the east side of the road next to the lake, of heirs of J. O. Stearns, and will fit it up for a summer school for boys. He is here superintending the building of a cooking camp, a dining room, and laying the platforms for several tents. He will have a tennis court and base ball ground fitted up later.

Alonzo Lord visited his brother, G. C. Lord, in Sweden Monday, returning Tuesday. He was accompanied by his grandson, Earl Fox.

Bethel.

Harold Rich, Williams '18, came this week to spend his vacation with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Elliott Rich.

Easter services were observed in all of the churches Sunday morning. A very pleasing Easter concert was given by the children of the Methodist Sunday School.

Methel Packard has returned from Skowhegan and will be at the Gehringe'.

Dr. F. B. Tuell returned Monday from Massachusetts, where he was called by the sudden death of his brother, Hiram Tuell. Dr. Tuell remained a few days with his children, Mrs. Gotthard Carlson and Gilbert Tuell.

Gard Goddard, who has been in a drug store in Plymouth, N. H., the last eight months, is at home with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fritz Goddard.

Miss Belle Jackson, after a long illness, died at the home of her sister, Mrs. Nathan Stearns, Grover Hill. The remains were taken to South Paris for burial.

Many friends in Bethel were saddened to hear of the death of Mrs. James Hammond at her home in Colebrook, N. H. Mr. and Mrs. Hammond won many friends during their stay in Bethel.

Oxford Pomona Grange had a large attendance last Tuesday although it was a stormy day. Miss S. Louise Rounds spoke in the interest of the Children's Home in Augusta, and received a collection of $27, including pledges.

About twenty young ladies attended the Girls' Conference in Portland. Mrs. Curtis was leader from the Christian Endeavor, with Misses Ida Packard and Alice Kimball delegates. Miss Marian Pratt accompanied a large delegation from Gould Academy Y. W. C. A.

Friday afternoon the community was shocked to learn of the death, by hanging, of Austin Wheeler. For a long time he had been in poor health and lived alone, and no doubt despondency was the cause. Mrs. Walter Bartlett, who occupies a part of the house, hearing no stir from Mr. Wheeler's rooms, called her husband and Mr. Swan, who found the body. Mr. Wheeler was never married, but leaves one sister, the widow of William Merrill.

April 15th the Ladies' Aid of the Methodist church will give an antiquarium exhibition from 4 to 6 P. M. A box supper will be served, followed by an entertainment, "Packing of the Mission ary Barrel."

Mrs. Robert Davis of Portland is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Davis.

Born to the wife of Clifford Merrill, April 7, a daughter.

Miss Belle Purington entertained her Sunday School class of ten misses Friday afternoon. After games had been enjoyed a beautiful lunch was served in the dining room. The decorations were very dainty, canary color the scheme, and "wee Easter chicks" decorated the place cards.

MIDDLE INTERVALE.

Wheeler and Anderson of Bethel Hill were here recently on church business.

F. G. Sloan sells first-class fish here and in the vicinity.

J. H. Carter has bought a fine horse.

Earl Dutton is at work at the Carter mansion.

Kimball Bros. recently made some of the best maple honey, which they sold to their customers at $1.50 per gallon.

William Chase has S. B. Osgood to assist about maple sugar work.

Miss Methel D. Packard, who has employment in Skowhegan, sent Blanche Kimball a very nice Easter card, also one to her Aunt Ellen. We also received a beautiful card from Sister Annie Osgood of Exeter, N. H., and one from our sister in Philadelphia. How cheering while loved ones are far away to be kindly remembered. Soon we will all be gathered Home, where there is no separation.

Blanche Kimball has made about one gallon of maple honey from the eighteen trees she has tapped.

Ned Carter has been to Berlin.

Mrs. J. L. Oliver has returned from a visit with her sister, Mrs. Eugene Rayford.

Mr. Stevens and family attended church Sunday at Bethel village.

Mr. Buck of Swan's Hill is selling potatoes at 30 cents a bushel.

Why are eggs so cheap when grain is so high?

We expected our Grand Union Tea cart here this week with W. A. Bragg salesman. We like to look at his face, as it reminds us of pleasant days spent in the school room with his sisters and brothers, and at his home with his mother, in the early days of teaching school on the borders of Lake Umbagog.

Frances Baker has returned to Gould Academy after a vacation at home Where is there a mother who has more faithfully cared for and brought up a child than Mrs. Eames has this girl, who is now a student at the academy at Bethel Hill.

West Bethel.

"Now the groans of dying winter,
And the music of the waters,
Prattling, singing of their freedom,
Wake the echoes of the mountains,
Rouse the flowers from their slumbers,
And renew their life and beauty,
And purling, rushing, roaring, warring,
Leaping down the naked hillside,
Swiftly winding through the valley,
Gleaming in the morning sunshine
Every brook and rill and river
Seems a javelin of silver
By some giant bent and twisted."

Maple syrup is in market at $1.35 per gallon.

Charles A. Dunham has gone to Harrison to work.

Miss Grace E Farwell is again visiting in Watertown, Mass.

The snow is gradually wasting away, and the mud is drying up.

The first week of April gave us more snow than the whole month of March.

There will soon be a change in the West Bethel postoffice, Postmaster Briggs having resigned.

Harry Head is running the Dennison store to close out the small stock of goods on hand at reduced prices.

The family of Geo. M. Rolfe have moved into the Roy Grover house on Flat Street now owned by Fred L. Edwards of Bethel Hill.

Thomas W. Vashaw, with a crew of men, will run the large drive of pulpwood from Mason down Pleasant River to the Androscoggin, for D. R. Hastings & Son.

Horace E. Walker has about a hundred cords of birch belonging to Dr. John A. Twaddle, which he had not time to get out on sleds, but will have to move to the mill on wheels.

Archie Hutchinson, whose buildings in Mason were destroyed by fire during the winter, has bought the Albion P. Mason farm near this village of his brother Ervin, and will soon move here. The buildings have not been occupied since Mr. Mason sold and moved away.

East Waterford.

B. W. Sanderson and his sister, Miss Helen M., made their parents here a brief visit last week.

Fred Chadbourne, who has been spending his vacation at home, returned to school at Hebron Academy Tuesday.

Miss Norma Berry is a guest of her friend, Miss Marjorie Pride, at Bridgton Academy, this week.

Glenn McIntire spent last week at Augusta with his father, B. G. McIntire.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold F. Merrill are visiting a week among relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. L. E. McIntire, Mrs. R. E. Pinkham, Miss Lizzie Hall, and Mr. and Mrs. Will Brown attended Pomona at Bethel.

Mrs. C. E. Sawin is spending a few days at North Waterford.

The roads are settling fast. There seems to be no frost.

Wilson's Mills.

Elwyn Storey and Claude Linnell are getting out lumber for shingles and fencing.

Lila Bennett has gone to Andover.

Mrs. George Nason had a quilting bee at Grange Hall Tuesday evening. About twenty were present and eight quilts were tied, designed for the sporting camp owned by Mr. Nason.

The Ladies' Aid met with Mrs. Azel Wilson Wednesday. A fine day, and seventeen present. Refreshments of cream cakes, filled cookies and sandwiches were served with coffee.

The assessors, Messrs. Bennett, Olson and Bennett, were out the morning of April 1st taking the valuation.

Mr. and Mrs. George Nason went across the lake with their team on ice April 2d, to prepare their camp for the summer.

West Paris.

Rev. D. A. Ball was called to New Hampshire Saturday morning by the death of a relative. The Y. P. C. U. supplied the pulpit Sunday morning.

Mrs. Frank L. Willis has been ill since Wednesday. Dr. Littlefield was called in consultation with Dr. Packard.

C. S. Bacon attended the funeral Thursday of his brother-in-law, D. G. Swan, at Bryant's Pond. E. J. Mann also attended the funeral.

Miss Mabel Ricker has returned from a visit with Mrs. E. H. Brown and family at Rumford Falls.

William F. Willis is in very poor health.

Vernal Bates of New Haven, Conn., was the guest of his parents a few days last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Elliott Newell of Sumner were recent guests of his sister, Mrs. Harrington S. Mann.

Mrs. W. W. Gardner is receiving a visit from her brother and wife from Canada.

Don't forget that the Y. P. C. U. will be glad to collect your old papers and magazines next Wednesday and Thursday.

Mrs. Lorinda Curtis is gaining slowly.

Master Lewis Jacob Mann is ill with a bad cold.

Mrs. H. Farrar and little son James have both been ill with colds and grippe.

Mrs. Mary A. Lang is gaining slowly, but is still very poorly.

Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Mann are expected home from California this week.

West Paris Grange entertained thirty-six members of Norway Grange Saturday, April 3. Forty-eight members of West Paris Grange were present. The third and fourth degrees were conferred on eight candidates. Dinner was served at noon, and in the afternoon the following program was presented:

Singing America by Grange.
Recitation, Edith Stevens.
Piano duet, Ora and Doris Field.
Solo, Mrs. Stetson.
Recitation, Ola Kimball.
Monologue, Mrs. A. R. Tuell.
Piano Solo, Mary Stetson.
Reading, Madeline Peabody.
Solo, Mrs. White.
Remarks on the Economic Value of Birds.
Reading, Elinor Tuell.
Remarks by Master Richardson, Lecturer and others of Norway.
Remarks by R. L. Cummings.

Easter was appropriately observed at all the churches. At the Methodist church the pastor preached an able sermon and Easter music with violin and organ accompaniment was sung. In the evening an Easter concert under the direction of Mrs. Grace Brock was listened to by a good sized audience. The program was as follows:

Scripture and prayer, Rev. C. H. Young.
Recitation, Welcome, Mae Briggs.
Exercise, Scripture selections, six children.
Duet, Nathan and Grace Brock.
Song, Herald of Spring, children.
Reading, Easter Thoughts, Mrs. Harry Patch.
Little Brown Girl and I.
Song, The Little Church in the Vale, Grace Brock
Remarks, Mr. Young.
Good Night Exercises, Margaret Lane, Mae Briggs and Mary E. Patch.

The Free Baptists also had a morning service with appropriate sermon and music, and in the evening a concert was given. A half-hour cantata entitled "The Beautiful City," arranged by J. H. Fillmore. The characters were:

Pilgrim, Lillian Wheeler.
Teacher, Mrs. A. D. Coburn.
Tempter, Lucy Edwards.
City Messengers, Five Primary Children.
Helper Messengers, Five Intermediate Children.
Chorus of 20 voices.
Accompanist, Arthur Flavin.

The program commenced with a praise service by the chorus and congregation and prayer by Rev. L. W. Raymond. The cantata opened with a processional march song "To the Beautiful City We Press Our Way."

Solo, Do You Know the Way to the City? Pilgrim
Response, Yes, We Know the Way, Chorus.
He Was Flesh and Dwelt Among Us, Chorus.
He Has Passed to the Beautiful City, Chorus.
Jesus, I My Cross Have Taken, Chorus.
One verse by Pilgrim.
I'm Seeking for a City, Pilgrim and Chorus.
Jesus Will Help Thee, Helper Messenger.
Solo, Lift Up Thine Eyes, Miss Berry and Chorus.
Home, Sweet Home, Choir softly.

Recitative parts came in between the above songs to make up the story of the Pilgrim seeking the Beautiful City, her instructions by the teacher, the gift of the Bible, the taking up the cross. Then the tempter comes in and tries to allure, and Pilgrim calls upon her helpers, who recite Scripture promises, then she bids the tempter go. She decides to go to the Beautiful City, and while the chorus sings the last song, "Crown Him, the Lord of Hosts" two of the messengers bear the cross for her, she following them, and the rest with her march back to the rear of the church:

Offertory.
Closing song.
Coronation.
Benediction.

At the Universalist church the pastor preached an Easter sermon. There was Easter music, and holy communion was partaken. In the evening the Y. P. C. U., assisted by members of the Sunday School gave a very excellent concert. The program was as follows:

Song, Hymn 443.
Welcome, Earle Bacon.
Scripture, Class 3.
Prayer.
Readings, Class 4.
Song, Who Made the Easter Lily, Classes 1 and 2.
Reading, Beatrice Davis.
Recitations, Robert Pauley, Edith Emery, Ola Kimball.
Song, Class 3.
Reading, Elinor Mann.
Recitation, Class 2, Albert Martin, Stanley Perham, Howard Wardwell.
Story of Easter Spirit, Mrs. D. A. Ball
Trio from Class 3, Beatrice Smith, Bertha Perry, Leona Marston.
Offering.
Song, Hymn 584.

TRAP CORNER.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Briggs were at Bryant's Pond Tuesday.

Mary Stearns returned to Hebron Academy Tuesday afternoon.

Mrs. R. T. Flavin's aunt, Mrs. Jewett, has been visiting her.

Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Tuell attended Pomona Grange at Bethel Tuesday.

Mrs. Emily F. Field and daughters, Ora and Doris, were in Norway Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Damon have moved into the upstairs rent of A. R. Tuell's tenement.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Jackson and son of Norway were at G. W. Berry's Sunday.

There was an auction at the residence of the late Fred Berry Thursday. There was a large attendance.

West Sumner.

Harold Millett has bought the place formerly owned by the late Horatio Chandler, and is moving this week.

Mrs. Rosetta Ryerson is spending a few days with A. T. Hollis and family of North Paris.

Miss Edith Bradford is in Lewiston.

Gilman Heath has recovered from his illness and is able to walk about the village.

Mrs. H. C. Thomas has returned home from Bethel.

M. C. Barrows and family went to Norway on Monday.

Quite a number in our district have been having colds, but are getting better. With the exception of N. C. Ford, who continues to be very ill, there is no serious sickness here at the present writing.

Oxford.

Easter services were held at the churches, with appropriate Easter anthems. Flowers were sent by Miss Hersey of Boston and others.

At the meeting of T. A. Roberts W. R. C. the anniversary of the organization of the first Grand Army post was observed. The members of the post were present. There were remarks, readings and music, followed by refreshments of sandwiches, doughnuts and coffee.

The college students returned Monday after a vacation of ten days.

The Congregational Ladies' Circle met Tuesday with Mrs. H. R. Farris, and the Methodist Wednesday at the vestry, with ice cream and cake on sale in the evening.

Mason.

Master Kenneth Roes of Norway is visiting at E. H. Morrill's.

Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Harding and little son from Los Angeles, Cal., are with Mrs. Harding's mother, Mrs. E. C. Mills.

Myron Morrill and George Mills were in Norway recently.

Mrs. Eli A. Grover and little boy visited in Bethel the first of the week.

T. W. Vashaw has a small crew on the river rolling in the logs.

W. A. Bragg was in town Tuesday with the Grand Union Tea cart.

Lily Baker is visiting on Grover Hill.

B. S. Tyler has been shingling the house he purchased of E. H. Morrill.

Bryant's Pond.

George Forbes and family, who have been occupying a tenement in the halfway house, are now residing in the William Day residence at the lower end of the village.

Frank Cummings and family, who have been staying at North Newry the past winter, returned Wednesday to their home in North Woodstock.

Mrs. Forrest McDaniels died here Wednesday evening after an illness of two months. She with her husband had but recently moved into our town, coming from Norway, and were occupying the Gibbs Wyman farm. The funeral was held at Norway on Saturday.

Master Mason Allen went to Hebron Academy this week and will take a course there.

Stephen Barberic, who has been employed at the Allen store for the past three years, finishes his work for the firm the present week, and will become a salesman on the road for E. Swasey & Co. of Portland.

David G. Swan, for fifty-five years a resident of our village, and its oldest business man, passed away at his home here early Tuesday morning. He was born in Woodstock in 1835 on the old homestead of William Swan, the early settler. His parents were Samuel S. and Sabra Dacy Swan, and of their family but two now survive, Dennis Swan and Mrs. Ella Sweetsir. In 1861 Mr. Swan was marrried to Miss Sarah E. Bacon of Greenwood, who survives him. This community realizes the loss of so good a citizen, one whose honesty and integrity was never questioned by his fellow townsmen, and a man whose character and daily life was beyond reproach. He was one of the oldest members of Jefferson Lodge of Masons, and was always a constant attendant at its meetings until ill health prevented. He leaves one son, Ned I. Swan, who has had the charge and management of the main part of the father's business for a number of years. One daughter also survives, Mrs. Minnie Cushman of North Woodstock. The funeral was held from the Universalist church Thursday afternoon in charge of Jefferson Lodge of Masons, sermon by Rev. E H. Stover.

Hebron.

Norman Richardson returned to Bates Monday.

Mrs. A. M. Richardson was in Auburn two days this week, and attended the concert in Lewiston Monday evening.

Mrs. Ralph Glover has returned from a few days' visit to her brother, Charles Butterfield, in Newburyport. Mrs. Glover and the four little boys had a pleasant trip.

Miss Frances Glover is on a visit to her aunt, Mrs. Warren Hanscom, in New York.

The many friends of Prof. I. M. Bearce will be glad to hear that Mr. Bearce has so far recovered from his very serious illness as to be back to his teaching in the Business High School, Washington, D. C.

Henry Bearce, who has for several years been in the Bureau of Standards, left Washington Sunday, March 28th, for San Francisco, where he has been sent to take charge of their exhibit at the exposition.

Prof. J. F. Moody is expected home from Florida about the middle of this month.

The spring term of the Academy opened Tuesday.

Gilead.

Miss Doris Foster of Norway is spending a few days with her brother, Cyril Foster.

G E. Leighton was in Lewiston one day last week.

Alva Bryant went to Mechanic Falls last Tuesday to spend a few days with relatives.

Herbert Wheeler was in Gorham, N. H., recently.

Fred Jordan of Pownal was in town a few days last week.

Several members of Mountain View Grange attended Pomona Grange at Bethel last Tuesday, April 6th.

The village school began last Monday, April 5th, with Goldie Adams of North Lovell as teacher.

Carl Losier of Berlin, N. H., is stopping at Larry Losier's for a few days.

Locke's Mills.

Mrs. Maud Day, wife of Clarence Lapham, died at her home April 2d. She had been in poor health for a long time. She is survived by her husband, a little daughter, and her father, George W. Day, and four brothers. Funeral services were held at the Union church Sunday afternoon, conducted by Rev. J. H. Little of Bethel. There were beautiful flowers from relatives, friends, and neighbors, and the Pythian Sisters. The remains were placed in the tomb.

T. M. Bean died Wednesday evening. He has been quite feeble all winter.

Charles Willey is very ill at this writing.

Almost every family in our village and vicinity has some sick ones. Dr. Wight of Bethel and Dr. Bucknam of Bryant's Pond are in town every day.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Bartlett are both sick.

East Bethel.

Elisha Hogdhin is working for Z. W. Bartlett.

Urban Bartlett was at home from Portland for the week-end.

Chas. G. Kimball recently visited friends here.

Robert Rich of Berlin, N. H., was a recent guest at A. M. Bean's.

Mr. and Mrs. B W. Kimball of Bethel recently visited their daughter, Mrs. John Howe, and family.

Miss Elsie Bartlett is the guest of her sister, Mrs. H. P. Lyon, and family, of Rumford Falls.

Alder River Grange will hold a regular meeting Wednesday evening, April 14. Ladies' night will be observed. Literary program and refreshments by brothers.

Mrs. L. C. Bartlett, Mrs. M. E. Kimball, Miss Edna M. Bartlett, Willis Bartlett, and Worthy Master Russell Swan, of Alder River Grange, attended Pomona meeting at Bethel Tuesday.

There is much sickness in this vicinity.

Geo. K. Hastings is building an addition to his barn.

Porter Farwell is sawing wood by engine power.

North Waterford.

Mr. and Mrs. F. P. Hazelton went back to the farm Saturday. They have been at the village all winter caring for her mother, Mrs. E. J. Paige.

C. G. Knight and nephew, Mell Knight, have arrived home from Florida. The former had been there all winter.

Hazel Sawin is working for Mell Knight.

Winfield Brown, who has been away several days, has now returned and is working at the mill. Sam Ray took his place while he was away.

Mrs. Annie Holmes was at Rilla Marston's in Albany Thursday.

Sadie Rowe is here for a week's vacation from her school at Wilton, where she is teaching.

Waterford.

George Skinner is so he can ride out, we are glad to hear.

L. E. Abbott and J. C. Harvey are helping E. L. Davis saw his year's supply of wood. H. L. MacGown is doing the sawing.

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Roy E. Cole of Canton, Mass., has been here for a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Bean have moved into the Mahern house on Park Street.

Raymond Penfold visited his brother, Ralph B. Penfold, in Portland during the past week.

An addition of 133 new books has been made to the library of the Congregational Sunday School.

Edwin Rounds and Miss Carrie Doyle of Danville have recently been guests for a few days at J. D. Haynes'.

Geo. B. Crockett started early last week on a trip south in the interest of the Paris Manufacturing Co.

Miss Addie Edgerly, who has been with relatives in Massachusetts for some time, returned to South Paris about ten days since.

E. N. Anderson was off from his work as engineer on the Norway train for a few days last week, and made a trip to Montreal.

Mrs. Whiting, who had been for a number of months with her daughter, Mrs. W. B. Young, returned Thursday to her home in Abington, Mass.

It is reported that the Johnson-Willard mill had a local aftermath, which, if not quite so scientific, was fully as picturesque as the affair in Havana.

Shaw's Orchestra of six pieces will furnish the music for the Seneca Club drama which is to be given Thursday and Friday evenings of this week.

Elmer Campbell has gone to Portland to spend a month in special study of the care of Hudson cars. He will continue in the garage of M. W. Maxim after his return.

A good-sized kitchen is being built on the rear of the vestry at the Congregational church, to take the place of the much smaller kitchen formerly used at the other end of the building.

Mrs. C. W. Bowker, Miss Muriel Bowker and Miss Doris Culbert returned Wednesday from the hatchery at Auburn, where they had been visiting. Mrs. J. F. Stanley came with them and is making a visit here, and Mr. Stanley was here over Sunday.

Girls who attended the State Girls' Conference in Portland from Friday to Sunday were Misses Lulu Davis, Florence Leach, and Dorothy Keniston from the Methodist Sunday School, Myra Haggett and Ethel Hardy from the Congregational. They were accompanied by Mrs. C. I. Spear as leader.

Next Monday is Patriots' Day, which is, or should be, a useful spring holiday, and it will be more or less observed. Stores and banks will close as usual. It will be a good time to help her about the house cleaning, and take a sneak to the ball game in the afternoon. In deference to the holiday, the Democrat will be under the unpleasant necessity of delaying its issue until Tuesday, a day late.

The remains of Miss Belle T. Jackson were brought here Saturday forenoon from the town of Bethel, where she died, and the funeral was held at the Universalist church at 11 o'clock, attended by Rev. A. T. McWhorter. Burial was in Pine Grove Cemetery. Miss Jackson was the daughter of Ezekiel C. and Abigail (Millett) Jackson, formerly of Norway, and was 50 years of age. She was a cousin of A. K. and L. L. Jackson of this place.

There were about one hundred and twenty-five present at the meeting of Mt. Mica Lodge Thursday evening, a good sized delegation coming from Norway. The work in the first degree was done by the degree staff of Mt. Mica Lodge on two candidates from Norway Lodge. Following the work ham and chicken sandwiches, doughnuts, coffee, cheese and apples were served after which the cigars were passed around. Good and welfare followed with remarks by several of the visitors and a few of the Mt. Mica Lodge members. The new features introduced into the work proved very interesting and the entire evening was most pleasant.

Thursday and Friday evenings of this week are the dates of the Seneca Club play, "Nan, the Mascotte," for the benefit of the public reading room. Seats on sale at Howard's drug store. The cast is as follows:

Nan, the Mascotte.....Miss Aline Crocker
Caleb Baldwin, a man of millions, ...Harold T. Briggs
Ben Flood, Baldwin's evil genius, known on the street as "Phineas Grabber".Francis Shaw
Edward De Lancey Van Spread, who becomes a "regular muffian".....Murray Bigelow
Deacon Smartweed, "a standin' pillar of the church.....Walter F. Maxim
Arthur Sherwood, a young man with aspirations.....Eugene Lowell
Dr. Windsail, Baldwin's family physician, ...Arthur E. Forbes
Uriah Fox, a lawyer.....Ernest J. Record
Jimsey, "Frackett's Fool," } .....Ralph Andrews
John, butler,
Mrs. Baldwin, who seeks a position in social circles.....Miss Helen M. Barnes
Mrs. Van Spread, who wishes to make an advantageous match for "Eddie,".....Miss Lena M. Franck
Wibbler Jehonnett, who has designs on the Deacon.....Mrs. Agnes L. Morton

If Master Leo Lyons of Portland should come here for a second time as an entertainer, he will be assured of an appreciative reception and a good audience. At the entertainment in connection with the Universalist men's supper last Tuesday evening, he certainly "made good," and the program was pronounced by many of those present to be the best one they had heard for a Good Cheer supper. His most taking numbers were a Scotch song in costume, followed by the dancing of the Highland fling, and an Irish song, also in costume, with a clog dance. He also gave another song and two readings. For a boy of ten years he has a very unusual voice for singing and reading, and the skill and grace of his dancing are remarkable. His accompaniments were played by Miss Eleanor MacGregor, who came here with him from Portland. Other numbers on the program were a selection by the Schubert Quartette, a duet by Mrs. Wilson and Mrs. Smiley, and a solo by Miss Tolman, with Mrs. Burnham at the piano. As the streets were in bad condition from a little snowstorm, the number at the supper was not so large as at some of these annual affairs, but the tables were well filled, and a first-class supper was served.

A pleasing Easter recital was given at the home of Nellie M. Jackson on the 3d by her pupils and members of the Club of Tuneland. The numbers were well rendered, and it may be interesting to know the selections have all been learned in the past three months. The following is the program:

Piano duet—Bohemian Girl — Balfe
Annie Clifford, Maxine Bennett
Piano solo—March of the Little Sages — Erb
Mary Briggs
Vocal solo—Bird Song — Duvernoy
Lila Scott
Vocal solo—Bluette Waltz
Marita Tyler
Duet—The Violet, and Shades of Evening
Mary Briggs, Nellie Jackson
Solo—Etude in C — Vogt
Dorcas Merrill
Solo—Heather Rose — Lange
Maxine Bennett
Songs by Club of Tuneland:
a Lost Doll.
b Sammy Soap Suds.
c The Clucking Hen
Solo—Fairy Boatman — Erb
Annie Clifford
Solo—Guards' March — Streabbog
Marita Tyler
Song—Three Little Kittens
Mary Briggs
Solos—a April Smiles — Depot
b Holiday March — Kimball
Lila Scott
Solo—The Gary Squirrel — Erb
Mary Briggs
Solos—a Frolic of the Crickets — Edwards
b Silent Night — Gillet
Miriam Scott
Solo—Curious Story — Heller
Dorcas Merrill
Solos—a Humoreske — Kimball
b Mountain Belle Schottische
Maxine Bennett

Not a dance this week.

The Philatheas will meet with Mrs. F. A. Taylor Tuesday afternoon.

A. A. Swift visited his sister, Mrs. J. E. Murch, a few days last week.

Miss Marie Newton is employed in the salesroom of the Paris Home Bakery.

Quite a lot of gasoline was burned Sunday, but the roads had to be selected with some care.

Mt. Mica Lodge will work the second degree on three candidates at the meeting Thursday evening.

The Baptist Ladies' Aid will have a food sale next Friday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock at the store of F. N. Wright.

Walter L. Bonney went Monday morning to the Central Maine General Hospital at Lewiston for a surgical operation.

The first Mayflowers are beginning to appear, but only those who know the very earliest spots have yet been able to find any.

Mrs. Heidner entertained Friday afternoon, in honor of Mrs. J. P. Sprague, a number of Mrs. Sprague's intimate friends in the place.

Oscar Swan and family have moved from Pleasant Street near the cemetery to a rent in Mrs. Millett's tenement house on High Street.

Rev. A. T. McWhorter will give an address on the life of Queen Victoria at the evening service at the Congregational church next Sunday evening.

Henry E. Howe, who has been in a rubber store in Springfield, Mass., for some years, is now on the road for the same house as a traveling salesman.

L. E. Monk had his hand somewhat torn Thursday while at his work in the Mason Manufacturing Co.'s factory, by a stick forced back from a circular saw.

The date of the fair of Paris Grange is April 29th, instead of the 28th as given last week, and the minstrel show will be held on the evenings of the 29th and 30th.

The garage on Western Avenue, recently leased by Ripley & Fletcher, has been let by them to James Oswell, who will come here in the near future to conduct the business.

At the meeting of Paris Grange next Saturday, State Master C. S. Stetson and County Agent George A. Yeaton will be present and speak, and there will also be readings and music.

Miss Nora Dunham spent a few days with Mr. and Mrs. Nelson I. Mixer at Lisbon Falls last week, and Monday morning began her work in the office of the Mason Manufacturing Co.

H. D. Field went Monday morning to the Central Maine General Hospital at Lewiston for treatment. He has a case of blood poisoning in the foot, starting from what he supposed to be a soft corn.

Warm weather and rain have started the frost during the past few days, and those who thought we weren't going to have any mud this spring have had occasion to revise their opinion to some extent.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. C. Fernald arrived home Sunday afternoon from their trip to visit Mrs. Fernald's people in Oakland, Calif., and attend the Panama-Pacific Exposition. They were gone six weeks.

Paris High School did not open Monday morning as was expected, because of the illness of Principal Carver. It is thought that the school will begin Wednesday, as Mr. Carver expects to be able to be here by that time.

Advertised letters and cards in South Paris post office April 12, 1915:

Miss Edith B. Jordan.
Mrs. Grace Day.
Mrs. Grace Bennett.
Master John Bennett.

J. A. KENNEY, P. M.

A thing which attracts attention on the street is a harness used by one of the Finnish residents of the town who drives into the village frequently. The harness is made of brown webbing, and at a little distance the effect is almost exactly that of russet leather.

Rev. Chester Gore Miller was called to attend the funeral of Mrs. A. M. Hagberg of Woodfords, a former parishioner of Mr. Miller at that place, who has several times visited Mr. Miller's family since they came to South Paris. The funeral was held at North Windham at 2 o'clock Saturday.

Paris High School base ball team expects to open its season next Saturday, although a game for that date has not yet been definitely arranged. Correspondence is going on with Gould Academy of Bethel and the chances are good that a game will be arranged with them for the opening date.

Franklin F. Holmes.

Franklin F. Holmes, a former Oxford County man, died at his home in Revere, Mass., Thursday morning. The funeral was held on Friday, and on Saturday the remains were brought to South Paris, where interment will be made in Riverside Cemetery.

Mr. Holmes was the son of Sullivan R. and Addie (Robbins) Holmes, and was born in Hartford, Sept. 15, 1847. Later he removed with the family to South Paris. He was some years in Revere in the ice business, and later returned to Maine and was in the coal and ice business in Norway for some years. For about fifteen years past he had lived in Revere, and had been for several years constable for the town and the city.

Mr. Holmes leaves a widow and two daughters, Mrs. Adna West of Pownal, who is the daughter of a former wife, and Miss Bertha Holmes, who lives at the home in Revere. He is survived by one half-brother, Albert L. Holmes of South Paris.

Accompanying the remains to Paris were Mrs. Holmes and Miss Bertha Holmes, and Jonathan Holmes of Cambridge, an uncle of the deceased. Mrs. West, the other daughter, and her daughter Emma, of Pownal, were also here, and all were guests at A. L. Holmes.'

Deering Memorial Notes.

The delegates, Mrs. Mildred Parlin Cole, the Misses Lulu Davis, Florence Leach, Dorothy Keniston, with Mrs. C. I. Spear as leader, who attended the Girls' Conference at Portland, will give their report Wednesday night. The program will be in charge of the Delta Alphas. All are invited.

To-day the canvass for the next conference year's budget is being made. Twelve solicitors are engaged in the canvass. Supper will be served to the men and wives at 5:30.

The W. F. M. S. will meet with Mrs. Benjamin Swett Thursday afternoon.

The pastor Sunday preached on the subject, "Without the Sound of Hammers," presenting a review of the financial status of the church and setting forth the needs of the coming year.

W. C. T. U. Convention

The annual county convention of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union will be held at South Paris, Wednesday and Thursday, May 19 and 20. The committee in charge have been fortunate in securing for the Wednesday evening speaker Hon. Carl E. Milliken of Island Falls, president of the Maine Senate in 1913, and well known throughout the state.

Leighton's Mill at Gilead Burned.

The spool and bobbin mill of the Geo. E. Leighton Co., under lease to George E. Leighton, at Gilead, was burned Monday night of last year, together with the outbuildings, dry and stock houses and a large quantity of spool bars. Also in the mill were stored bobbins to the value of about $3500. The loss is partly covered by insurance. Cause unknown. About forty men are thrown out of employment.

Our boys' spring suits came in just before the fire. We have a good variety left. $5 suits $3.75; $4 suits $3. Think of clothing your boy at the beginning of a season for less than you have to pay at the close of the season. F. H. Noyes Co., South Paris.

New springs hats, all right in every way, new spring caps, 25 per cent discount. F. H. Noyes Co., South Paris.

New spring neckwear, 50 cent quality 38 cents; 25 cent quality 19 cents. F. H. Noyes Co.

Maine News Notes.

In Belfast the other day Byron B. Webb married Jennie M. Webb. A tangled Webb, certainly.

There is a movement on foot to bring Billy Sunday to Old Orchard this summer, but it is not yet known whether the project is feasible.

More successful than anticipated was the state girls' conference at Portland from Friday to Sunday. The total registration was 1144; 68 from Oxford County.

Governor Curtis has renominated Justice George E. Bird of the Supreme Judicial Court. Judge Bird was first nominated by Governor Cobb in 1908, and has served one term of seven years.

Clifton Foye, a student at Wiscasset Academy, was drowned in Sheepscot river, when the boat in which he was rowing with two companions overturned. One of his companions swam ashore, and the other was rescued by another man.

David W. Lawry and Sidney Lawry, trawl fishermen of Vinalhaven, who started out in a fifteen-foot dory just before the storm of the 3d, have been given up for lost. David Lawry was 47 and had a wife and four children. Sidney Lawry was 37 and single.

Eugene Hinse of Lewiston, aged 30 years, was found dead in the snow near Durham on the 4th. It is believed that he lost his way during the storm Saturday night and died from exposure and exhaustion. He was unmarried and is survived by a father and several brothers and sisters.

At a meeting of the Republican State Committee at Augusta Thursday, Frederic H. Parkhurst of Bangor resigned as chairman, to enter the campaign for the nomination for governor in next year's primaries. Frank J. Ham of Augusta was elected chairman. Treasurer Henry G. Beyer, Jr., of Portland, also presented his resignation, but action on it was deferred until the next meeting of the committee.

A novel and pleasing feature of the newspaper institute to be held the third week in April at the University of Maine will be the programs, which will be printed on paper made by the students of the newspaper chemistry department in the university's own plant. Another pleasing number on the program will be a banquet prepared and served by the students of the domestic science course.

James A. Callahan, aged 19 years, died at the Augusta General Hospital Monday from the effects of gun shot wounds inflicted Saturday evening. John E. Connors, a Gardiner barber, is charged with firing the shot. Connors admitted to the officers that all day Saturday and in fact for several days he had been drinking a concoction composed of Jamaica ginger and cider, and contended that he knew nothing which happened after five o'clock Saturday afternoon until after the shooting.

The Farmington Chronicle says: Farmington friends of Miss Annie W. McLeary, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. E. McLeary of this village, will be interested to learn of the honor and prospective privilege that have lately been given to her by her election as delegate from the Gamma Gamma chapter of the Alpha Chi, a musical society to which she belongs, to a great musical convention at Long Beach, Cal. Miss McLeary is not only honored by a selection to a place in this great convention, but her traveling expenses for the round trip are paid.

The young ladies of the senior class of Bangor High School have decided to limit the cost of graduation gowns to $3. This will include material and making, the latter to be done by the young ladies themselves, perhaps with the assistance of their relatives. The graduates have also been promised the assistance of some of the members of the Federated Clubs in the construction of the gowns. There have been instances in past years where young women have left school prior to graduation because they felt unable to meet the expense but there will be nothing of the kind this year.

Bangor has acquired a new city park, in the triangular strip at the junction of Harlow and Center Streets, which was formerly the site of the old First Baptist church and several residences, swept clean by the fire of 1911 and bought by the city as a part of the Public Library lot which adjoins it. This has been handsomely graded and will be known as Library Park and a part of the city park system. Upon this will be soon erected the bow scroll from the battleship Maine, sunk in Havana harbor, as a monument. This relic has been in storage for some time.

Wilmot W. MacGown.

Wilmot W. MacGown died at his home in Waterford Friday night, April 2, after long years of suffering with heart disease. Mr. MacGown was born in North Ellsworth May 25, 1846. He had lived in Waterford nineteen years last September.

Mr. MacGown was a loving husband and father and a kind friend and neighbor. He was twice married. The first wife and all her children are dead. He is survived by the second wife and three children—Harold L., who lives at home, and George Stuart of Portland, and eleven grandchildren. There are also three brothers, Llewellyn of Ludlow, Maine, Rev. H. A., of Turner, and Dr. W. Y., of Abington, Mass.

The funeral was held at the home Tuesday afternoon, Rev. G. W. Sias speaking comforting words to the bereaved family. A choir from the grange of which he was a member sang three hymns, "Nearer, My God, to Thee," "Abide with Me," and "I Think of the Home Over There," which were selected by him. He was laid to rest in Elmvale Cemetery by brother Grangers also selected by him, George Miller, George Hilton, C. P. Riggs and C. S. Hamlin. There were flowers from the family, grange and friends.

In religion he was a Spiritualist since a small boy.

Second County Boys' Conference.

The second annual Oxford County Boys' Conference will be held at Norway, Friday, Saturday and Sunday, April 30, May 1 and 2.

All Oxford County boys, 14 years old and over, are invited. Entertainment will be furnished free by the citizens of Norway and South Paris.

The Conference will consist of an informal reception Friday afternoon at the Norway Congregational church; banquet Friday evening; addresses by Jeff Smith, A. A. Heald and others Saturday forenoon; sports and ball game Saturday afternoon; exercises Saturday evening; Sunday forenoon the boys will attend church with their hosts; Sunday afternoon a meeting for boys only; and the Conference will close Sunday evening with a rousing farewell meeting in which all the churches of Norway and South Paris will unite.

The registration fee is 50 cents.

Hebron Academy Base Ball Schedule.

The following is the schedule of the Hebron Academy base ball team for the season:

April 24 Norway High School at Hebron.
28 Bowdoin Second at Hebron.
May 1 Rumford High School at Hebron.
5 Bates Second at Hebron.
8 Open.
12 Deering High School at Hebron.
15 Westbrook Seminary at Hebron.
21 and 22 Colby Junior League at Waterville.
26 Kent's Hill at Hebron.
29 Bowdoin track meet.
June 5 Portland High School at Hebron.
9 Kent's Hill at Kent's Hill
12 Westbrook Seminary at Portland.
21 Alumni.

WHOOPING COUGH

Well—everyone knows the effect of pine forests on coughs. Dr. Bell's Pine-Tar-Honey is a remedy which brings quick relief for whooping cough, loosens the mucus, soothes the lining of the throat and lungs, and makes the coughing spells less severe. A family with growing children should not be without it. Keep it handy for all coughs and colds. 25c. at your druggist.

Electric Bitters a spring tonic.

We are again ready to show you the Ed. V. Price & Co. custom samples, and send in your measure. You cannot excel them for value or fit. F. H. Noyes Co.

NORWAY.

A large delegation from Norway Lodge, I. O. O. F., visited Mt. Mica Lodge at South Paris Thursday evening, and witnessed the work in the first degree. Refreshments were served after the work and there were remarks by a few of the brothers. The evening proved very pleasant, the new features of the work adding to the enjoyment.

Fred Harriman is working for Ripley & Fletcher in their garage at South Paris.

Col. F. M. Hume of Houlton, commander of the Second Maine Infantry, made Company D an informal visit at the armory Monday evening, April 5.

Among the most recent purchasers of Ford cars are Stuart W. Goodwin and Walter F. Tubbs.

Rev. D. L. Joslin occupied the pulpit at the Baptist church on Paris Hill Sunday and will speak at the same place next Sunday, taking the place of the pastor, Rev. G. W. F. Hill, who is out of town.

The corporation report for the year shows the total valuation of the real and personal property in Norway Village Corporation to be $1,003,712.00, an increase of $16,463.00 during the past year. There are 529 polls taxed. The annual corporation meeting takes place Tuesday evening, with little outside of routine business to occupy one's attention.

Elmer Morrill and family have returned to Mr. Morrill's farm in Millettville. Mr. Morrill will engage quite extensively in the poultry business.

S. D. Andrews, after spending the greater part of the winter with Mr. and Mrs. John F. Swain, has returned to Acton, Mass., where he makes his home with his sister, Mrs. Mary Holden.

Mrs. A. L. Gerry is visiting her daughter, Mrs. S. H. Hood, in Dorchester, Mass.

The Y. P. C. U. of the Universalist church will give a box supper at Concert Hall Wednesday evening of this week.

Wright Bisbee is ill again, and is being cared for by Mrs. Flora Stearns.

Miss Annie Hamlin, after spending about two months at her home in Waterford, has resumed her work at the dress-making department at Smiley's.

The annual roll call and banquet of Mt. Hope Rebekah Lodge which was to have been held at Odd Fellows' Hall Wednesday evening of this week, has been indefinately postponed.

Walter Luck & Son have added a delivery team and will take orders for provisions about the village.

The Universalist Mission Circle was entertained by Mrs. E. F. Bicknell last Wednesday afternoon.

Houghton Kimball has been made a present of a fine new piano and has commenced taking music lessons.

Grippe, pneumonia, diphtheria, jaundice, whooping cough, we wonder what the next disease will be that will be added to the long list that now afflict so many of our townspeople.

Mrs. Talbot Mundy has started a class in drawing and painting, giving special attention to outdoor sketching.

Mr. and Mrs. Edwin E. Howe have moved to Mrs. James Smith's house on Deering Street.

Miss Mildred Curtis has been a recent guest of Mr. and Mrs. George Winslow at Auburn.

Mrs. C. S. Bayes of Oxford is with her daughter, Mrs. James N. Favor, who is ill.

Mrs. Alice Stearns entertains the Browning Reading Club this Monday evening at her home on Orchard Street. Roll call will be answered by current events, followed by selected reading from magazines by Mrs. Stearns and Mrs. Elizabeth Bickwell.

Charles Herrick has moved from the Crommett house on Tucker Street to the Reed house on Winter Street.

Next Monday, April 19, Patriots' Day, will be generally observed as a holiday by the business men and merchants. Norway High School base ball team opens its season with a game with Lisbon Falls High School at the fair grounds.

Norway Lodge, I. O. O. F., will work the second degree Tuesday evening.

Auto owners had their machines out in large numbers Sunday afternoon making the best of the fine warm weather. While the roads are in good shape about the two villages, they are far from settled in the outlying districts, and those who have taken trips to Mechanic Falls, Lewiston and other places, say they found the roads worse on Saturday than at any time this spring.

Pennessewassee Lodge, K. of P., enjoyed a very pleasant evening as the guests of Hamlin Lodge of South Paris Friday evening. The work was in the rank of Knight by Hamlin Lodge and refreshments followed the work.

Hon. A. S. Kimball suffered another ill turn Thursday and has been in a critical condition since. He is being cared for by a trained nurse.

A car load of Rebekahs from Mt. Hope Rebekah Lodge were present at the meeting of Mt. Pleasant Rebekah Lodge of South Paris Friday evening, and enjoyed a social time after the lodge meeting. The two lodges have been exchanging visits of this kind this winter. No refreshments are served, but the social times allow the members to become better acquainted, and have proved most pleasant to all concerned.

The Professional Whist Club was entertained at the home of Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Curtis on Friday evening, Dr. and Mrs. Drake assisting in the entertaining. There was a good attendance, and like the other meetings of the club, the occasion was much enjoyed.

Eight young ladies from our village went to Portland Friday as delegates to the first annual girls' conference held under the auspices of the state Y. W. C. A. Miss Florence Rideout went with them as leader. The girls who took the trip were Misses Katherine Jones, Marietta Nichols, Emogene Hunt, Ruth Smith, Evelyn Chandler, Esther Pike, Doris Shepard and Mildred Noyes.

There was a good attendance at the dancing school and assembly given by Freeland Howe, Jr., at the Opera House Friday evening, and a much larger attendance is promised for the second assembly which takes place Friday evening of this week. Instructions are given the first part of the evening after which there is about an hour and a half of dancing.

The W. C. T. U. meets this week with Mrs. Horace Oxnard.

Norway Lodge, I. O. O. F., will attend services on anniversary Sunday at the Methodist church. The date of anniversary Sunday is April 25th, but as Rev. Mr. Nichols will be in attendance at the state conference on that date, it is expected that the following Sunday, May 2d, will be observed.

The youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Stevens, about two years of age, is ill with diphtheria at the home of his aunt, Mrs. Alma Harriman, who is caring for the child because of the illness of its mother. Mrs. Stevens seems to be gaining slowly.

The corner of Paris and Main Streets looks odd without the electric light pole that has stood there for so many years. During the past week a new pole was set on the opposite side of Main Street and the light moved to it. The change, is however, considerable of an improvement, as the old pole was much in the way of those traveling on foot.

Mrs. Marion Saunders and son of South Portland have been with friends here for a few days.

Mrs. Harley True is seriously ill at her home on Beal Street.

Norway High School opened this Monday morning in charge of Hugh Pendexter. Principal Hathaway expects to be able to take the school in a few days.

Abigail Whitman Chapter, D. A. R. held their April meeting with Miss Margaret Baker Wednesday evening, the regular program being carried out.

The remains of Mrs. Minnie (Jordan), wife of Forrest McDaniels, were brought here from Bryant's Pond Saturday morning and the funeral held Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the home of Guy R. Estes on Hazen Street, attended by Rev. H. L. Nichols of the Methodist church. Burial was in Pine Grove Cemetery. Mrs. McDaniels was about 40 years of age, was the daughter of Stillman and Julia Jordan, and was born in the western part of the county. For 25 years she had been a resident of Norway, the family moving to Bryant's Pond during the past winter, when they exchanged their home in this village for a farm near the latter village. Mrs. McDaniels is survived by her husband and two sons, William and Gerald.

Next Scholar!

(Spelling lesson propounded in the Democrat of April 6.)

How many words misspelled in the following?

The privilege of seperating ninty miscellaneous calenders, arranged in two parralel lines, was against the principals of the superintendant, so his neice, not to dissapoint the government, nor cause it to loose bulsness, removed the principle calenders and thus relieved her uncle of a strain which might have brought on a disease. Then she believed it had become truely necessary for her to receive instruction in grammer. Therefore she entered an elementary school where she hoped to secure full developement of her powers. But the institution was poorly equiped, and had accomodations for so shall a number that her presence was an embarassment to the authorities, and interfered with the work of the school. She had little time for labratory work, though it must not be infered that she was engaged in atheletics to any noticeable extent. Harassed by the situation, she finally went to the loveable old proffessor, and frankly made acknowledgement that her coming to the school was a collossal mistake.

(First reply.)

MIDDLE INTERVALE, BETHEL.

We counted 29 words and will send the corrections:

Separating, ninety, miscellaneous, calendars, parallel, principles, superintendent, niece, disappoint, business, principal, calendar, relieved, believed, truly, grammar, elementary, development, equipped, accomadations, embarrassment, laboratory, athletics, noticable, harassed, lovable, professor, acknowledgment, colossal.

(Note.—In the above the correspondent gives harassed with the same spelling as in the copy, which is doubtless an inadvertence.)

Resolutions.

Whereas, It is with profound sorrow that we have to record the loss of another worthy comrade, being the second member of Kimball Post to pass away in less than two months' time. Comrade Chandler Swift, who died at Belfast, Maine, March 21, 1915, was one of the most interested and helpful members of our post when able to meet with us. Therefore

Resolved, That we, the surviving members of W. K. Kimball Post, sensible of our loss, truly mourn the departure of our beloved and honored comrade, whose good qualities, and kindly association with us will ever remain fresh in our memories. We offer to his relatives our heartfelt sympathy. We, the surviving soldiers of the Civil War, are nearing the sunset of our lives on earth, and we will soon clasp hands with our comrades who have gone before us to that "Morning Land" where love reigns supreme and discords can never come.

Resolved, That these resolutions be recorded in our post record, and a copy be sent to the Oxford Democrat for publication.

HENRY MAXIM,
EDWIN STOFFORD,
FRANKLIN MAXIM,
Committee.

Hiram Knowlton, who died at his home in Portland Tuesday at the age of 92 years, is thought to have been the oldest attorney in Maine. He had been a prominent man, having served on the executive council and in the legislature, as well as in other public positions. He had also been conspicuous through his devotion to the cause of prohibition. His death followed only a few hours after that of his wife, to whom he was married in 1846, and who was 90 years of age.

YOUR CHILD'S COUGH IS A CALL FOR HELP.

Don't put off treating your child's cough. It not only saps their strength, but often leads to more serious ailments. Why risk? You don't have to. Dr. King's New Discovery is just the remedy your child needs. It is made with soothing, healing, and antiseptic balsams. Will quickly check the cold and soothe your child's cough away. No odds how bad the cough or how long standing, Dr. King's new Discovery will stop it. It's guaranteed. Just get a bottle from your druggist and try it.

Out of 8000 trains running into and out of the union station at Portland in five months through the winter, only 165 were late. This indicates that the railroads were doing well in running their trains, and it may also indicate that there has been no heavy travel to cause delays.

A SLUGGISH LIVER NEEDS ATTENTION.

Let your liver get torpid and you are in for a spell of misery. Everybody gets an attack now and then. Thousands of people keep their livers active and healthy by using Dr. King's New Life Pills. Fine for the stomach, too. Stop the dizziness, constipation, biliousness and indigestion. Clear the blood. Only 25c. at your druggist.

Dr. Bernhard Dernburg, for six years colonial secretary of the German empire, and George Sylvester Viereck, editor of The International and The Fatherland, are to visit Portland April 17, and speak on Germany's viewpoint at 8 o'clock in the City Hall auditorium.

To feel strong, have good appetite and digestion, sleep soundly and enjoy life, use Burdock Blood Bitters, the family system tonic. Price, $1.00.

Born.

In Albany, March 29, to the wife of H. G. McNally, a daughter.
In Andover, April 1, to the wife of Walter Robinson, a son.
In Norway, April 3, to the wife of Joseph A. Crocker, a son.
In Lovell, April 1, to the wife of Harry Ring, a son.
In Stow, March 29, to the wife of Walter Sampson, a son.
In Stow, March 30, to the wife of H. S. Emerson, a son.
In Andover, April 2, to the wife of Matthias Mooney, a son.
In Rumford, March 31, to the wife of Roy Fiske, a daughter, Janet Merrill.
In Bethel, April 7, to the wife of Clifford Merrill, a daughter.

Married.

In Rumford, April 5, by Rev. Fr. Rousseau Mr. Albert Turbide and Miss Doulla Beausoleil.
In Rumford, April 6, by Rev. Fr. J. A. Barry, Mr. Joseph Clohasey and Miss Florence Fisher, both of Rumford.

Died.

In Paris, April 1, Almeda, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Knowles, aged 10 months.
In Oxford, March 29, Miss Eva L. Frost, aged 58 years.
In Bryant's Pond, April 7, Mrs. Forrest McDaniels.
In Rumford, April 6, Mrs. Lydia Augusta (Colby), wife of James S. Morse, aged 60 years.
In Lewiston, April 2, Mrs. William Paul of Dixfield.
In Bethel, April 8, Miss Belle T. Jackson, aged 50 years.
In Locke's Mills, April 2, Mrs. Maud (Day), wife of Clarence Lapham.
In Locke's Mills, April 7, T. M. Bean.
In Waterford, April 2, Wilmot W. McGown, aged 69 years.
In Portland, April 6, Mrs. Lucy L., widow of Dr. William P. Bridgham, formerly of Buckfield, aged 86 years.
In Bryant's Pond, April 6, David G. Swan, aged 78 years.
In Rumford, April 2, Patrick Murphy, aged 50 years.
In Welchville, March 31, Mrs. Rosabel Billings
In Buckfield, April 6, Mrs. Carrie McAlpine of Canton, aged about 57 years.
In Bethel, April 9, Austin Wheeler.
In Revere, Mass., April 8, Franklin F. Holmes, formerly of Paris and Norway, aged 68 years.

LOST.

A Grand Trunk mileage book. Will finder please leave at the Democrat Office and be rewarded.

NOTICE.

In the District Court of the United States for the District of Maine. In Bankruptcy.

In the matter of WILLIAM F. H. WATERHOUSE of Rumford, Bankrupt. } In Bankruptcy.

To the creditors of William F. H. Waterhouse, in the County of Oxford and district aforesaid:

Notice is hereby given that on the 10th day of Apr., A. D. 1915, the said William F. H. Waterhouse was duly adjudicated bankrupt, and that the first meeting of his creditors will be held at the office of the Referee, No. 8 Market Square, South Paris, Maine, on the 28th day of April, A. D. 1915, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, at which time the said creditors may attend, prove their claims, appoint a trustee, examine the bankrupt, and transact such other business as may properly come before said meeting.

South Paris, April 10, 1915.
WALTER L. GRAY,
Referee in Bankruptcy.
15-17

ALLEN'S FOOT-EASE FOR THE TROOPS.

Over 100,000 packages of Allen's Foot-Ease, the antiseptic powder to shake into your shoes, are being used by the German and Allied troops at the front, because it rests the feet and makes walking easy. Sold everywhere, 25c. For FREE sample, address Allen S. Olmstead, LeRoy, N. Y.

A lazy liver leads to chronic dyspepsia and constipation, weakens the whole system. Doan's Regulets (25c per box) act mildly on the liver and bowels. At all drug stores.

A. C. WITHAM,
Trucking and General Jobbing
Single or Double Teams.
TELEPHONE 141-22 SOUTH PARIS
15-27

DO IT NOW

South Paris People Should Not Wait Until It Is too Late.

The appalling death-rate from kidney disease is due largely to the fact that the little kidney troubles are usually neglected until they become serious. The slight symptoms often give place to chronic disorders and the sufferer may slip gradually into some serious form of kidney complaint.

If you suffer from backache, headaches, dizzy spells; if the kidney secretions are irregular of passage and unnatural in appearance, do not delay. Help the kidneys at once.

Doan's Kidney Pills are especially for kidney disorders—they act where others fail. Over one hundred thousand people have recommended them. Here's a case at home.

"For several years one of my family suffered from sharp pains through the small of his back," says Mrs. Elmer Stiles of South Paris. "He had dizzy spells, felt tired and was all run down. On a friend's advice, we got Doan's Kidney Pills and they gave prompt relief, in fact, made a great improvement in every way. Doan's Kidney Pills have our highest endorsement."

Price 50c, at all dealers. Don't simply ask for a kidney remedy—get Doan's Kidney Pills—the same that Mrs. Stiles had. Foster-Milburn Co., Props., Buffalo, N. Y.

TO THE HONORABLE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF OXFORD:

We, the municipal officers of Lovell in said County, respectfully represent that the boundaries of a certain town way in said town are lost, viz.: beginning at a point on the County road near the Christian Church at Lovell Center in said town, thence running to land of E. E. Brown on Lake Kezar.

Wherefore we respectfully petition your Honorable Board, after due notice, to examine said way, locate and define its limits and boundaries, and cause durable monuments to be erected at the angles thereof, as provided by Chapter 23, Section 11, of the Revised Statutes as amended by Chapter 79 of the Laws of 1905 and Chapter 143 of the Laws of 1907.

Dated at Lovell aforesaid this 15th day of March, A. D. 1915.

FRANK HARMON,
R. G. CHARLES } Selectmen of Lovell.
G. W. ADAMS,

(SEAL) STATE OF MAINE.

COUNTY OF OXFORD, ss.

Board of County Commissioners, December session, 1914, held by adjournment April 7, 1915.

UPON the foregoing petition, satisfactory evidence having been received that the petitioners are responsible, and that inquiry into the merits of their application is expedient, IT IS ORDERED, that the County Commissioners meet at Brown's Camps at Lake Kezar, so called, in said town of Lovell, on May 26, next, at ten of the clock, A. M., and thence proceed to view the route mentioned in said petition; immediately after which view, a hearing of the parties and their witnesses will be had at some convenient place in the vicinity, and such other measures taken in the premises as the Commissioners shall judge proper. And it is further ORDERED, that notice of the time, place and purpose of the Commissioners' meeting aforesaid be given to all persons and corporations interested, by causing attested copies of said petition, and of this order thereon, to be served upon the Clerk of the Town of Lovell and also posted up in three public places in said town, and published three weeks successively in the Oxford Democrat, a newspaper printed at South Paris, in said County of Oxford, the first of said publications, and each of the other notices, to be made, served and posted at least thirty days before said time of meeting, to the end that all persons and corporations may then and there appear and shew cause, if any they have, why the prayer of said petitioners should not be granted.

ATTEST:—ERNEST J. RECORD, Clerk.

A true copy of said petition and order of court thereon.

ATTEST:—ERNEST J. RECORD, Clerk. 15-17

STATE OF MAINE.

COUNTY OF OXFORD, ss: April 9th, 1915.

Taken this ninth day of April, 1915, on an execution dated April 2d, 1915, issued on a judgment rendered by the Supreme Judicial Court, for the County of Oxford, at a term thereof begun and holden on the second

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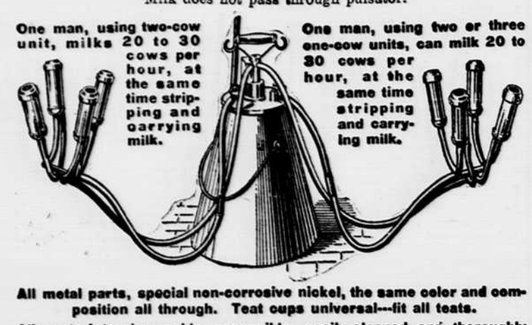

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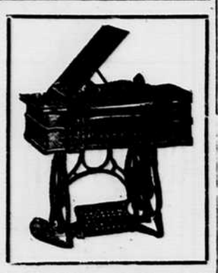

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March 25, 1915.

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Attest:—GEORGE M. ATWOOD, Clerk.

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A WOMAN'S DAY

It begins early, and ends late. It is full of work from sun rise to bed time. Being constantly on her feet, she often has kidney trouble without knowing it. She has backache. It is hard for her to get up in the morning, she is so tired and worn out. She does not sleep well, has poor appetite and is nervous. Her bladder gives her trouble too.

Foley Kidney Pills will cure all that, and make her again STRONG, WELL and VIGOROUS. Get Foley Kidney Pills at the nearest drug store and START TAKING THEM TO-DAY. They cost less than the doctor and do more. **The genuine Foley Kidney Pills are sold only in the yellow package.**

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FOR SALE!

Cottage house and lot on Park Street, South Paris Village; house and lot, with extra building lots, on Main Street, South Paris, known as the Hewett place; also house and lot at West Paris, known as the Dudley stand.

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HOMEMAKERS' COLUMN.

Correspondence on topics of interest to the ladies is solicited. Address: Editor HOMEMAKERS' COLUMN, Oxford Democrat, South Paris, Me.

Stretching the Weekly Allowance.

"Oh! Mrs. Harvey, I came over this morning for some advice, to sort of throw myself on your mercy as it were," Mrs. Newlywed hesitated.

"Yes, my dear, go on," encouraged the older housekeeper, "you know that anything I can do or say to help you will be a pleasure. What is it?"

Loath to make the little admission which Mrs. Harvey was more than suspecting, the bride flushed and then went directly to the cause of her early morning call.

"It's just this—my allowance for the week has almost given out, and I hate to ask Bob for more. I have only one dollar and a quarter left, and still two days remain to be provided for before I get my next money."

The older woman laughed at the serious young face before her. "Oh, dear, how tragic," she said. "Of course, I might invite you and Bob to dinner one night, that would leave only one to provide for, but I'm not going to this time, for I believe it is kinder to help you plan it all out, and then next time when there is a shortage you will know just how to manage."

Reaching for a pad and pencil, Mrs. Harvey began her calculating, while her companion looked on. "One can of tomatoes with a pint of your morning's milk will make a cream of tomato soup. A pound of chopped steak will make six delicious meat cakes, fried in butter or broiled, at twenty cents. You say you have plenty of potatoes on hand, so boil and mash some.

"Three bunches of carrots, at ten cents, will make a good vegetable, after you scrape, slice and boil them, seasoning with butter, pepper and salt. Use a jar of your preserves with a ten-cent can of sweet crackers with coffee, and you will have an excellent dinner, with outlay of fifty cents, for your staples."

"You are a wonder; that dinner is good enough for any two people with a big substantial allowance," said the younger woman, as light commenced to dawn upon her problem.

"Now for dinner number two," continued her adviser with a laugh, "and we have seventy-five cents left. Suppose we start with half a grape fruit, each; fine, heavy Florida fruit is to be had at six cents each. Then buy a pound of top round steak, cut in small pieces, put it in the casserole with two fine-diced carrots, one sliced onion, butter, pepper and salt and as many potato balls, cut with a scoop, as you think there will be need of to make two generous portions; adding a gill of milk and a gill of water, cover the casserole and cook in the oven from one to two hours.

"And you make some quick, hot biscuit to go with it in place of bread. A ten-cent cauliflower, boiled and well seasoned, completes this course; then get ten cents worth of cooking apples and make a nice apple pie to go with the coffee. We might afford an eight-cent head of lettuce, if desired, which would leave twenty-two cents margin; so if all goes well you and Bob can go to the 'movies' after dinner and be able to stamp your letter home, telling your mother how well you managed to get through on your first week's allowance."

"Well, you are a born financier, and I call getting two three-course dinners, a 'movie' show, and a two-cent stamp, all out of a dollar and and a quarter, overworking the cash, but I won't tell Bob a word about it until it's all over, then for a good laugh."

"If you take my advice, my dear, never tell him a word about it, for experience is our great teacher, and the sooner we digest our lessons and 'deliver the goods', the more capable we will show ourselves, in providing and living within our means, which is the secret of true success, and aids materially in founding the fortune we all hope some day to acquire."

A Pleasant and Healthful Dessert.

At a recent family luncheon a dessert came in that seemed a salad of apples and oranges, with a slice of jellied figs in the center, but it was not exactly this. Instead, it was jelly of lemon thickened with grapenuts. English walnuts may be mixed with this jelly, or mixed with the apples and oranges, as desired, or with both. There is much less orange than apple, and a high-flavored orange, like the tangerine, is preferable to the less aromatic kinds.

Plain cream or whipped cream is served with this, but it is very nice without either. Some sugar is used over the fruit, which is prepared just before sending to the table, so as not to have it darkened by the air.

Recipes.

SUBSTITUTE FOR MAPLE SYRUP

One pound brown sugar, just enough water to moisten; boil one minute, take from fire and add 1-2 teaspoon vanilla.

RICE AND WHEAT BREAD

Simmer one pint of rice in one quart of water till perfectly soft; when it is lukewarm, mix well with one quart flour, 1 yeast cake dissolved in a little warm water and a little salt; knead well and set to rise; when light make into loaves and bake as any other bread.

ROLLED OATS BREAD

This makes an excellent bread and a saving on the bread flour. One pint of rolled oats, scald with one quart of boiling water, let cool, add 2 tablespoonfuls molasses, 1 tablespoonful lard and 1 tablespoonful salt, 1 yeast cake dissolved in 1 cup water; stir in wheat flour until stiff, then knead very little, let rise light; cut out with knife and put in greased tins; let rise and bake in rather slow oven for 1 hour.

VERA'S CORN GEMS

One cup each of flour and cornmeal, 4 teaspoons baking powder, 3 tablespoons sugar, 3-4 teaspoon salt; sift all together, add well-beaten egg to 1 cup sweet milk, then add slowly to dry mixture; bake in gem pans.

BRAN BREAD

One level cup flour, 1 level teaspoon soda, 1-2 teaspoon salt, 2 level cups bran, 1-2 cup molasses, 1 1-2 cups milk, 1 egg.

POTATO DOUGHNUTS

One cup granulated sugar, 2 well-beaten eggs, 1 1-2 cups lard, 1 large cup sour milk; mash two medium sized potatoes, 1 teaspoon soda, a little salt, 1 teaspoon baking powder, nutmeg or cinnamon, add dozen cloves and stick of cinnamon in hot lard before frying, drain on brown paper.

FINGER ROLLS

Scald together 1 2 cup heavy cream, 1 tablespoon sugar, and 1-4 teaspoon salt. When mixture is lukewarm, add yeast cake, which has been dissolved in 1 4 cup lukewarm water, then the flour. Toss on a slightly floured board and pat and roll to 1-4 inch in thickness. Shape with a lady finger cutter, first dipped in flour; place in a buttered pan, again let rise and bake in a moderate oven; brush over with melted butter and return to oven to glaze.

HOT FRUIT SALAD

Melt two tablespoons butter, add 4 tablespoons sugar, 1-4 cup water, and 1-4 cup lemon juice, add two cups mixed fruit, apples, bananas, figs and cherries; when hot, serve with cream sweetened and beaten until stiff.

Hints.

A little alcohol put on a brush or applied directly to a tangle will rob hair combing of its dread to sick people and little girls with tender heads.

As a usual thing opportunities do not loiter. It is best to grasp them promptly.

After meat has been ground in the food chopper, run a piece of bread through, and it will clean much easier.

If some of the cooking gets scorched in boiling, set immediately in a pan of cold water, then empty into a clean dish.

Who is to blame for the most of my failures?

In separating eggs, if some of the yolk gets in the white it may be easily and entirely removed by touching it with a piece of cloth that has been dipped in warm water and squeezed dry.

Ever Have the Feeling?

Who has not felt the sensation which the French call "deja vu" or "deja entendu," meaning that he is doing or seeing or hearing something he has experienced before?

"In a perfectly new situation," writes a physician in the Government Hospital For the Insane, in the Popular Science Monthly, "in a place which he has never before visited, a person believes that he has been a visitor there at some previous time. These feelings of having already experienced such situations are frequently due to memory defects.

"It is probable that what takes place is that one or several elements in the present situation are like those which had been experienced in the past, but that the dissimilarities in the situation are not observed. The individual has a memory defect in that he parallels or identifies a complex present experience with a similar complex past experience, although in the present experience the number of elements which are the same as those in the past may not be very great."

House Chimneys.

Chimneys were scarcely known in England in the year 1200. One only was allowed in a religious house, one in a manor house and one in a great hall of a castle or a lord's house, but in other houses the smoke found its way out as it could. The writers of the fourteenth century seemed to have considered them as the newest invention of luxury. In Henry VII.'s reign the University of Oxford had no fire allowed, for it is mentioned after the students had supped, having no fire in winter, they were obliged to take a good run to get heat in their feet before they retired for the night. Holinshed in the reign of Elizabeth describes the rudeness of the preceding generation in the arts of life.

"There were," says he, "very few chimneys. Even in the capital towns the fire was laid to the wall, and the smoke issued out of the door, roof or window."

In the year of 1639 a tax of 2 shillings was laid on chimneys.—London Strand Magazine.

"Landlady."

The distinction which the possession of land used to give is still exemplified in the titles of "landlord" and "landlady." Persons are amused at the colored washerwoman, for instance, who insists on the term "lady." But let the same woman run a rooming house of whatever description and she is not a "landwoman," but a "landlady."—Kansas City Star.

Exasperating.

"The phrase 'He hates himself' is intended for sarcasm when applied to an egotist, I believe."

"Quite right, but it's the unvarnished truth when applied to a man who starts to tell a funny story and forgets how it ends."—Birmingham Age Herald.

Self Protection.

"I always take my wife with me when I buy a new hat."

"That's considerate."

"No, it isn't. If I buy one by myself she blames me for the way I look in it. If she goes along I blame her."—Washington Star.

Too Familiar.

"I suppose you are familiar with the works of Bobby Burns?"

"Certainly, and also with the works of Billy Shakespeare, Georgie Byron and Jack Milton."—Boston Transcript

Don't Be Conceited.

If you make yourself the center of the universe all your perspective is skewed. There is only one moral center of the universe, and that is God.—Woodrow Wilson.

OUR "JITNEY" OFFER—THIS AND 5c.

Don't miss this. Cut out this slip, enclose five cents to Foley & Co., Chicago, Ill., writing your name and address clearly. You will receive in return a trial package containing Foley's Honey and Tar Compound, for coughs, colds and croup. Foley Kidney Pills and Foley Cathartic Tablets. A. E. Shurtleff Co., South Paris. A. L. Clark Drug Co., Norway.

Handing Him a Lemon.

"Do you keep dates?" asked the kindly old gentleman, as he sauntered up to the girl at the grocery counter in the department store.

"Always," she replied; "but I don't remember ever making any with an old geezer like you."

TAKE CARE OF THE CHILDREN.

A lingering cold, distressing cough, sleepless nights, a raw inflamed throat lead to a run-down condition in which the child is not able to resist contagious diseases. Foley's Honey and Tar is truly healing and prompt in action. It relieves coughs, colds, croup and whooping cough. Contains no opiates. A. E. Shurtleff Co., South Paris. A. L. Clark Drug Co., Norway.

Mrs. Newlywed (over telephone)—"You can just come and get your dried up grapes! I ordered raisins. You can't fool me!"

STRAIGHTENED HIM OUT.

J. P. Jones, Boothe, Ark., writes: "I had a severe case of kidney trouble and could do no work at all. Foley Kidney Pills straightened me out at once." The same story is told by thousands of others; weak back, rheumatism, kidney and bladder troubles yield quickly. Safe and effective. A. E. Shurtleff Co., South Paris. A. L. Clark Drug Co., Norway.

Mary had a little lamb,
With French peas on the side;
But when the waiter brought the check
Poor Mary nearly died.

If you check up the number of bottles used you will find Foley's Honey and Tar in greater demand than any other cough medicine. It is safe, prompt and effective for colds, croup, hoarseness, bronchial coughs, throat trouble and la-grippe. It contains no opiates and is the preferred cough medicine for children. A. E. Shurtleff Co., South Paris. A. L. Clark Drug Co., Norway.

"Wuz that the whistle?"
"I dunno. Wuz it?"
"I dunno. We'll wait till 1 o'clock an' if it blows again, it wuz!"

MAKE GOOD WORK POSSIBLE.

You cannot do good work while your bowels are sluggish or your liver torpid. Wm. O. E. Bielke, Mgr., Scott Hotel, Hancock, Mich., says "I gave Foley Cathartic Tablets a thorough trial, and find them a mild but safe cathartic." Foley Cathartic Tablets never gripe or cause nausea. They do away with that drowsy, dull, tired feeling and are wholesome, cleansing and healthful. Most satisfactory for stout persons. A. E. Shurtleff Co., South Paris. A. L. Clark Drug Co., Norway.

"She said he was her peer."
"And he called her his ship of state."
"As usual in such cases, I suppose the ship tied to the peer."

MAKES 61 FEEL LIKE 16.

"I suffered from kidney ailment for two years," writes Mrs. M. A. Bridges, Robinson, Miss. "I commenced taking Foley Kidney Pills about ten months ago. I am 61 years of age and feel like a 16-year-old girl." Foley Kidney Pills invigorate weak and deranged kidneys, relieve backache, rheumatism, and bladder trouble. A. E. Shurtleff Co., So. Paris. A. L. Clark Drug Co., Norway.

ALL JOIN IN WAR ON DIRT

Clean Up and Paint Up Campaign Almost at Hand

COMES FIRST WEEK IN MAY

Aim of Campaign Committee is to Add to Prosperity and Happiness of Each Community—Women's Clubs Add to Success of Movement—Mrs. Frank L. Young Heads Boston Committee

All of New England is catching the spirit of tidiness. Joseph N. Baker, secretary of the New England Clean Up and Paint Up Campaign Committee, P. O. Box 1224, Boston, reports that information relative to the Clean Up and Paint Up week idea has been mailed to over 2000 cities and towns in the New England states.

The New England committee is composed of representatives from twenty leading trade organizations who have endorsed this concerted effort for a Cleaner, Brighter and Happier New England.

This campaign has received the cordial endorsement of such public men as Governor David I. Walsh of Massachusetts, Governor R. L. Beeckman, Rhode Island; Governor Oakley C. Curtis, Maine; Governor Charles W. Gates, Vermont; Lieutenant Governor Grafton D. Cushing, Massachusetts; ex-Governors John L. Bates and Curtis Guild, Massachusetts; George W. Anderson, United States attorney, who are honorary members of the New England committee.

The method employed by the New England committee to interest the different cities and towns in this campaign idea has been to distribute broadcast through New England, by having wholesale merchants send same out with their mail, a little folder containing invitation to merchants, tradesmen, etc., to interest themselves in the idea and form local Clean Up and Paint Up committees; letters of invitation have also been sent to business men's associations, women's clubs, selectmen and others, inviting them to join in this good work.

DIRTY BACK YARDS ALONG RAILROAD TRACKS GIVE UNFAVORABLE IMPRESSION TO VISITORS. THEY HURT ANY CITY OR TOWN

The aim of the committee is not to benefit any one branch of trade, but to add to the prosperity and happiness of the whole community.

The title "Clean Up and Paint Up" is the one under which the movement started in St. Louis in 1912, and it was thought best to co-operate with the national bureau and use this title, as it tells the property owners plainly just what is wanted in each community.

"The beauty of New England cities and towns is proverbial. This section has a high reputation throughout the country for cleanliness and thrift, and we should all endeavor to maintain that reputation.

"Here is an opportunity for every citizen of New England (man, woman or child) not only to show his personal pride, but also his civic pride. No city or town is attractive if it is dirty, littered up or unpainted. Everyone should be willing to cooperate in cleaning up and painting up, not only his own premises, but in helping arouse others to the importance of this work and assisting when necessary. Let us all work together to make New England not only clean but beautiful, and then do our best to keep it that way throughout the entire year," says the New England committee.

The New England committee is especially pleased at the great interest that the women's clubs have taken in this effort for homes and towns beautiful.

Last year, in nearly every local campaign, the women's clubs took a prominent part, and it was largely due to the co-operation of the women's clubs that the different campaigns achieved the measure of success that they did.

At a meeting held in city hall, Boston, March 25, for the purpose of organizing the Boston Clean Up committee, there was a very large attendance of city officials and citizens, including many women from the different women's clubs in metropolitan Boston, and after a thorough discussion of ways and means of carrying on the Boston Clean Up week campaign, the meeting organized itself into a committee of the whole and elected Mrs. Frank L. Young chairman.

Mrs. Young is the president of the Boston City federation. She is a very public spirited woman who has always taken a great interest in every effort for civic betterment, and no better selection could be made for chairman of the Boston Clean Up committee.

In taking the chair Mrs. Young said this movement must not move like the old-time freight train, the cars no faster than the locomotive. "Be up to date and let the movement be an automobile one, a self-starting movement, each working with vigor, and if necessary, drag along the chairman."

On her suggestion Miss Mabel Frost of the Women's Municipal league was elected secretary.

At this point Mayor Curley entered and was given a rousing reception. Mrs. Young called on him at once for words of encouragement. The mayor said the city was deeply appreciative of the assistance given by this clean-up movement and so far as city officials were concerned he could promise hearty co-operation.

Mrs. Young appointed the following executive committee: Mrs. F. L. Young, Miss Frost, Commissioner of Public Works Louis K. Rourke, Fire Prevention Commissioner John A. O'Keefe, Dr. Francis X. Mahoney, chairman of the health board; Chief Health Inspector Thomas Jordan, John J. Walsh of the city planning board, Fire Commissioner John Grady, and the following to represent the several sanitary districts of Boston: J. Carlton Nichols, South Boston; Miss Jean E. Morrison, East Boston; P. J. Kyle, Charlestown; Karl Kilburn, Faneuil; Mrs. G. A. O. Ernst, Jamaica Plain; Mrs. P. G. Bolster, Dorchester; V. N. Heath, Roxbury; Miss Mabel Frost, Back Bay; H. S. Upham, South End; Howard Whitmore, West End; George W. Owen, Hyde Park.

The following committees were appointed:

Finance—George C. Morton, B. H. Bain, C. E. Osgood.

Press—Mrs. Myra B. Lord, chairman; Mrs. Robert Lincoln O'Brien and Mrs. George B. Gallup.

Posters and Printed Matter—George H. Gallup, chairman; Claude A. Palmer, J. N. Baker.

Schools and Schoolchildren—Franklin B. Dyer, chairman; Miss Frances Curtis, Miss Elsie Virgin.

Retail Stores—Arthur P. Felton, chairman; George A. Richardson, H. M. Sanders.

Death to Rats—Mrs. Robert S. Bradley, chairman, with full power to name her associates.

Local committees along the line of the one just established in Boston are being formed in hundreds of places throughout New England, and any citizen located in a town where no local committee has as yet been established, is invited to start at once and organize a local committee.

The plan of organization, as used by the citizens' committee in Boston last year, is a good one for any local committee to follow. Briefly stated this plan is as follows: We quote from the report made by that committee:

This committee was organized March 17, 1914, and consisted of one representative from each of the eleven sanitary districts into which the city is divided. Mrs. Thomas Sherwin was chairman and Mrs. G. A. O. Ernst secretary. The general plan that they carried out was as follows:

May 2 to 9 was decided upon as Clean Up week. Each member of the central committee was to organize a local committee in his district, to act as its chairman and do the general supervisory work in his district.

The members of these sub-committees were supposed to first make a thorough inspection of their district and note down all specially untidy or unsanitary places, including vacant lots that needed special attention, inviting the owners to cooperate by cleaning up; then they were to obtain from the central committee signs, posters and advertising matter and place same in church vestries, stores and various places in their district, where they would be of advertising value. To report to the chairman all bad conditions where

A FACTORY YARD BEFORE IT WAS CLEANED UP

the owners did not clean up, and the central committee were to write letters to these property owners, asking them to clean up their places, and in case this did not bring the desired results, the conditions were to be reported to the city officials or the board of health, to see if some pressure could not be brought to bear.

The general plan of publicity, to arouse the citizens to co-operate during Clean Up week, was as follows:

A proclamation by His Honor, Mayor Curley.

Notices read in churches and posted in church vestries.

House to house circulars, same being distributed by the employes of the public works department when making their removal of ashes the week before Clean Up week; some 130,000 of these circulars, many in foreign languages, were distributed in this way.

Dasher signs on all of the street cars in Boston.

Team signs on all the city wagons and other trucking teams.

A letter from the school committee was sent to the principal of every public school, to be read to the pupils, asking them to do their part in Clean Up work.

A set of fifteen lantern slides was placed at all the large moving picture shows in the city.

A parade of school children in the West End, headed by the school boys' band, contributed much publicity in that section.

One hundred thousand business men's circulars were distributed in the wholesale section of the city by members of the Under Forty division of the Boston Chamber of Commerce.

The merchants of the city gave the newspapers of Boston a double spread of pages of advertising clean up articles. These were run with large headings across the top "Clean Up and Paint Up This Week."

Retail stores dressed their show windows with Clean Up articles and appropriate signs during the week.

Many letters were sent to owners of vacant lots, asking them to clean same up and stating that if they could not conveniently attend to same, if they would send $3 to the committee they would employ a man to clean the lot up and put it in good order. Some out of town owners of city vacant lots sent the money in this way.

CLEAN UP PARADE IN BOSTON BY WEST END CHILDREN HELD DURING CLEAN-UP WEEK, 1914

LOUIS K. ROURKE
Commissioner of Public Works, Boston. The man who directed the Clean Up of the City

A feature of this year's Clean Up and Paint Up campaign as conducted by the New England committee has been an earnest effort to render aid in the unemployment problem. About February first this committee responded to invitation received from the state executive committee on unemployment for co-operation. Within forty-eight hours about 15,000 circulars were put in circulation inviting property owners generally to help the unemployed by starting just as early as possible all inside work, Repairing, Cleaning, Painting, Alterations etc. This assistance resulted in considerable cleaning being started immediately and has given many jobs to men whose families were needy.

Noah's Ark and Other Vessels.

It is generally agreed that Noah's ark measured about 450 feet in length, 75 feet in breadth and 45 feet in depth.

The Greeks and the Romans constructed several large vessels measuring upward of 500 feet. These were built for the emperors or rulers, and were little more than enormous scows, without any means of propulsion.

A vessel 420 feet in length was built by Ptolemy, which was propelled by 500 rowers, arranged in five banks, using oars fifty-seven feet in length.

The fame of the Thalamegus still lives. This boat, which measured 300 feet in length, 40 feet in breadth and 60 feet in depth, was said to have been the most beautiful craft in antiquity, and was used exclusively by the emperor.

A king of Syracuse is also credited with having built a very palatial boat, whose cabins were hung with costly silks and decorated with rare statues. After the decline of the Roman empire no great ships were constructed for more than 1,000 years.—Pearson's.

Wisdom of a Czar.

About a hundred years ago the Emperor Alexander I. of Russia returned to St. Petersburg after an absence of many months, during which time he had taken an active part in the war against Napoleon. Alexander was one one of the wisest and most magnanimous rulers of his time. It was to a great extent his firmness and wisdom that led to the overthrow of Napoleon, and after that event his magnanimity preserved the city of Paris from the fury of the Russian soldiers, liberated 150,000 French prisoners of war confined in Russia and sought to obtain for his fallen foe the most liberal terms compatible with what he deemed the safety of Europe. One of the first acts of the emperor after his return to Russia was to grant an absolute pardon to all his subjects who had taken part against him in the late war.—Pittsburgh Press.

David Garrick.

Feb. 20, 1716, was born David Garrick, the greatest actor who ever appeared on the English stage, for he was equally great in comedy and tragedy. Every one who saw him came under his spell. The actress, Mrs. Clive, who averred she hated him, stood in the wings one night watching Garrick and alternately crying and scolding. At last, disgusted with her exhibition of emotion, she stalked away, exclaiming, "Hang him, he could act a gridiron!" But an even greater compliment was paid by Rousseau, in whose honor Garrick gave a special performance. The first part of the bill was a tragedy, the second part a comedy, both in English. At the end of the evening Rousseau said to Garrick, "I have cried all through your tragedy and laughed all through your comedy, without knowing a single word of your language."—London Chronicle.

Burns' Cottage.

The Burns cottage at Ayr is under the charge of trustees, who purchased it in 1881 from the Ayr Shoemakers' incorporation for the sum of £4,000. The birthplace of the poet had up till that time been in use as a public house. The trustees abandoned the license and after a time removed the hall and other extraneous buildings which had been added to the premises and restored the cottage buildings as nearly as possible to the state they may have been in in Burns' time. A new museum was built at the northeast corner of the grounds. Most of the relics were removed to the museum, which now contains a priceless collection—a first or Kilmarnock edition of the poet's works, for which £1,000 was paid, and Burns' family Bible, acquired at a cost of £1,700.—London Answers.

Weak on Geography.

Geography floors most of us occasionally, and Dean Hole has recorded an instance when even a bishop nodded. Hole and Dean Spence were staying with Dean Pigou at Chichester, and their host began to talk about Korea. Suspecting some ignorance, he asked if they knew where it was. Hole said he thought you booked for Charing Cross and Spence that you got out at Baker street. There was laughter, and a bishop who had been listening asked in perplexity wherein lay the joke.—London Standard.

Great Famines.

The worst famines of modern times were the famine in Ireland in 1846-7, in which 1,000,000 people perished; the Indian famine in 1866, which claimed 1,450,000 victims; the Indian famine in 1877, in which 500,000 people perished, and the great famine in China in 1878, in which 9,500,000 died.

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PROBATE NOTICES.

To all persons interested in either of the estates hereinafter named:

At a Probate Court, at Paris, in vacation, in and for the County of Oxford, on the twenty-seventh day of March, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and fifteen. The following matter having been presented for the action thereupon hereinafter indicated, it is hereby ORDERED:

That notice thereof be given to all persons interested by causing a copy of this order to be published three weeks successively in the Oxford Democrat, a newspaper published at South Paris, in said County, that they may appear at a Probate Court to be held at said Paris, on the third Tuesday of April, A. D. 1915, at 9 of the clock in the forenoon, and be heard thereon if they see cause.

Sarah D. Bessey late of Hartford, deceased; will and petition for probate thereof presented by Rufus A. Stevens, the executor therein named.

Alfred A. Parker late of Paris, deceased; will and petition for probate thereof presented by Elvira A. Trask, the executrix therein named.

Lydia S. Hammond late of Paris, deceased; will and petition for probate thereof presented by Albro E. Chase, the executor therein named.

ADDISON E. HERRICK, Judge of said Court.
A true copy—attest:
13 15 ALBERT D. PARK, Register.

NOTICE.

The subscriber hereby gives notice that he has been duly appointed administrator of the estate of

FRANK DEMERRITT, late of Peru,

in the County of Oxford, deceased, and gives bonds as the law directs. All persons having demands against the estate of said deceased are desired to present the same for settlement, and all indebted thereto are requested to make payment immediately.

EDWARD S. DEMERRITT.

March 15th, 1915. 15-18

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Bankrupt's Petition for Discharge.

In the matter of FRED G. NEWTON, Bankrupt. } In Bankruptcy.

To the HON. CLARENCE HALE, Judge of the District Court of the United States for the District of Maine:

FRED G. NEWTON, of Dixfield, in the County of Oxford, and State of Maine, in said District, respectfully represents that on the 7th day of March, 1914, he was duly adjudged bankrupt under the Acts of Congress relating to Bankruptcy; that he has duly surrendered all his property and rights of property, and has fully complied with all the requirements of said Acts and of the orders of Court touching his bankruptcy.

Wherefore he prays, That he may be decreed by the Court to have a full discharge from all debts provable against his estate under said bankruptcy Acts, except such debts as are excepted by law from such discharge.

Dated this 23rd day of Feb., A. D. 1915.

FRED G. NEWTON, Bankrupt.

Order of Notice Thereon.

DISTRICT OF MAINE, ss.

On this 3rd day of April, A. D. 1915, on reading the foregoing petition, it is

Ordered by the Court, that a hearing be had upon the same on the 14th day of May, A. D. 1915, before said Court at Portland, in said District, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon; and that notice thereof be published in the Oxford Democrat, a newspaper printed in said District, and that all known creditors, and other persons in interest, may appear at the said time and place, and show cause, if any they have, why the prayer of said petitioner should not be granted.

And it is further ordered by the Court, That the Clerk shall send by mail to all known creditors copies of said petition and this order, addressed to them at their places of residence as stated.

Witness the Hon. CLARENCE HALE, Judge of the said Court, and the seal thereof, at Portland, in said District, on the 3rd day of April, A. D. 1915.

[L. S.] JAMES E. HEWEY, Clerk.

A true copy of petition and order thereon.

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